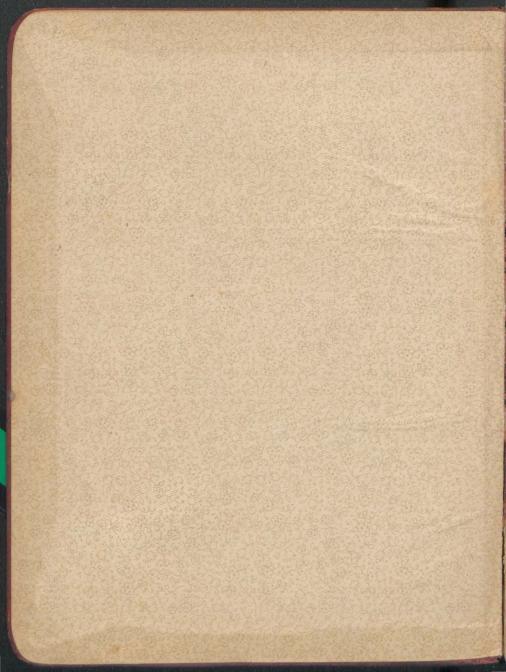
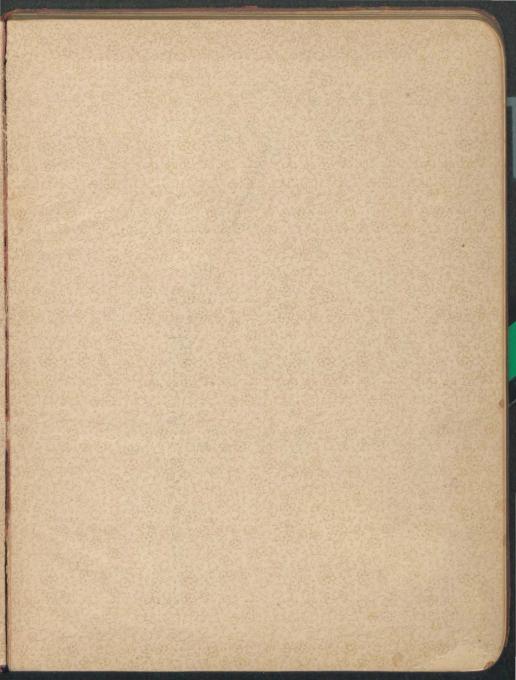
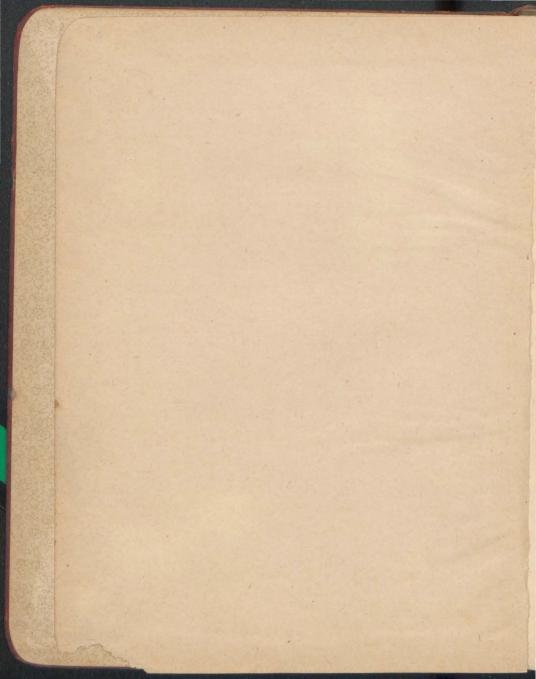
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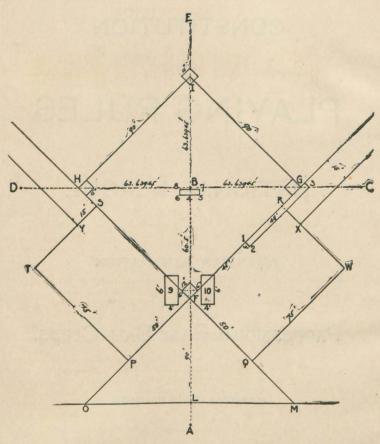
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# CONSTITUTION

OF THE

# National League and American Association

OF

# Professional Base Ball Clubs.

1895.

# NAME.

SECTION I. (I) This Association shall be called THE NATIONAL LEAGUE AND AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL BASE BALL CLUBS.

# OBJECTS.

SEC. 2. The objects of this League are:

(I) To perpetuate base ball as the National game of the United States, and to surround it with such safeguards as to warrant for the future absolute public confidence in its integrity and methods.

(2) To protect and promote the mutual interests of professional base ball clubs and professional base ball players, and

(3) To establish and regulate the base ball championship of the United States.

#### MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 3. This League shall consist of twelve clubs (the membership of which shall not be increased or diminished for a period of ten years) located in the following named cities, to-wit: Boston, New York, Brooklyn, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, St. Louis, Louisville, Cleveland and Chicago, or such other clubs as may, from time to time, be elected to membership as may be hereinafter provided for, but in no event shall there be more than one club in any city.

# WITHDRAWAL FROM MEMBERSHIP.

Sec. 4. Any club member of this League finding itself unable to meet the obligations it has assumed shall have the right to ask the League for permission to dispose of its rights and franchises as a member of this League to some other city

or organization. In the event of this League giving its consent to the acceptance of such city or organization to membership, such club member shall be admitted to membership, providing said club shall assume, together with the rights and franchises of said retiring club, all the liabilities, responsibilities and obligations entered into by said retiring club, as a member of this League. Provided, however, and it must be so understood by the retiring and the new member, that the retiring club shall not be relieved or released from any contracts, responsibilities or obligations entered into by it to this League until all of said contracts, responsibilities and obligations have been fully paid and determined by the club accepting its membership, rights, franchises, etc.

# ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 5. No club shall be admitted unless it shall first have delivered to the Secretary of the League a written application for membership, signed by its President and Secretary, accompanied by documents showing that such club bears the name of the city in which it is located, and that it is regularly organized and officered, and, where the State law permits it, chartered. Such application shall at once be transmitted by the Secretary to the Board of Directors, who shall immediately investigate and report upon said application, said report to be communicated to the League through the Secretary.

SEC. 6. The voting upon an application for membership shall be by ballot, a three-fourths vote being requisite for election.

# IN REGARD TO VACANCIES.

SEC. 7. In case a vacancy occurs in the membership of this organization during the championship season the President shall nominate to all the clubs all applicants for membership, and the vote thereon may be taken by telegraph or mail, as occasion may require, and a majority of all the clubs will be required to admit any applicant to membership. Such membership, however, shall continue only until the next annual meeting, but such club shall be subject to all the rules and requirements of this organization.

# TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 8. The membership of any club may be terminated—
(1) By resignation duly accepted by a three-fourths vote of all the clubs in meeting duly convened, as provided in Section 4.

(2) Failure to present its nine at the time and place agreed upon to play any championship game, unless caused by unavoidable accident in traveling.

(3) Allowing open betting or pool selling upon its grounds or in any building owned or occupied by it.

(4) Playing any game of ball with a club that is disqualified

or ineligible under this Constitution.

(5) Offering, agreeing, conspiring or attempting to lose any game of ball, or failing to immediately expel any player who shall be proven guilty of offering, agreeing, conspiring or attempting to lose any game of ball, or of being interested in any pool or wager thereon.

(6) Disbandment of its organization or team during the

championship season.

(7) Failing or refusing to fulfil its contractual obligations.(8) Failing or refusing to comply with any lawful requirement of the Board of Directors.

(9) Wilfully violating any provision of this Constitution or the legislation or playing rules made in pursuance thereof.

# THE EXPULSION OF CLUBS.

SEC. 9. To carry into effect the provisions of Section 8 of this Constitution, the facts in any case covered by such section must be reported to the Secretary of the League, who shall at once notify, by mail or telegraph, the party charged with the specified default or offense, inquiring whether any dispute exists as to the facts alleged. In case the facts are disputed, the Board shall, after due notice, try the case under such regulations as they may prescribe, and their finding shall be final and conclusive on all parties except in case of expulsion, when such finding shall be forwarded to each club, which shall transmit to the Secretary written ballots "For Expulsion" or "Against Expulsion"; and if all clubs vote "For Expulsion" the Secretary shall notify all clubs of the forfeiture of membership of the party charged.

# DUES AND ASSESSMENTS.

SEC. 10. (1) Each club shall pay to the Secretary on or before the first day of April of each year the sum of \$100 as annual dues; and such other sums as from time to time may be assessed for the payment of salaries of officers and umpires, and for such other expenses as may be incurred by order of this League or the Board of Directors. Also all fines and penalties imposed by said League or its Board of Directors upon a club or upon any club officer, player, manager, scorer, or other employe when so levied and imposed by virtue of and in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution and the playing rules of this League.

# THE IMPOSING OF FINES.

(2) Upon conviction of any of the offenses prescribed in Section 8, as causes for expulsion, the Board of Directors may, in the first instance, as a preliminary to, or in lieu of expulsion, impose such a fine as is in their judgment commensurate with the injury; which fine may include a penalty payable to any other club or clubs, as an equivalent for damages sustained for such violation of this Constitution, or of the legislation or contracts made in pursuance thereof.

## OFFICERS.

SEC. II. At its annual meeting the League shall elect a President, Secretary, Treasurer and Board of Directors. The President shall be ex-officio Chairman of the Board of Directors. He shall report to the Board of Directors any violations of the provisions of this Constitution that may come to his knowledge. He shall be the sole interpreter of the playing rules during the championship season. He shall preside at all the meetings of the League, and at the annual meeting of the League shall act as a schedule committee.

Should the office of President become vacant by death, resignation, or removal, the Board of Directors shall within thirty days elect a President.

SEC. 12. The Board of Directors shall consist of the President and six other members, to be chosen at the annual meeting by ballot, three of whom shall represent the Eastern clubs and three the Western clubs.

# QUALIFICATIONS OF OFFICERS.

SEC. 13. No person shall be qualified to act as Director who is not an actual member of the club he represents, nor shall any club, under any circumstances, be represented by more than one person on the Board.

# DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

SEC. 14. The Board shall have the general supervision and management of all affairs and business of the League, and shall be individually answerable to the League for the faithful discharge of their trust.

SEC. 15. The Board shall meet annually on the morning of the first Wednesday after the second Tuesday in November, at 9 o'clock, at the place where the annual meeting of the League is to be held, but may hold special meetings whenever urgent necessity may require.

SEC. 16. The Board shall prepare a detailed report of all their doings, and present the same in writing to the League at its annual meeting, which report shall, if accepted, be filed with the Secretary, together with all official papers, documents and property, which may have come into their possession by virtue of their office.

# VACANCY IN THE BOARD.

SEC. 17. In case of vacancy in the Board by reason of the death, resignation, absence, or disqualification of any Director, the club of which he was a member at the time he was chosen shall designate his successor, and at once notify the Secretary. But if such vacancy is caused by the withdrawal, disbanding, or disqualification of a club represented on the Board, the Board may fill the vacancy by election in the same manner as provided for the election of Directors in Section 12.

# THE SECRETARY'S DUTIES.

SEC. 18. The Secretary shall be the Treasurer of the League. and as such shall be the custodian of all funds of the League; receive all dues, fees and assessments, make such payments as shall be ordered by the Board or by the vote of the League, and render annually a report of his accounts, and shall give such bond, with approved sureties, as the Board may require.

SEC. 19. The Secretary shall have the custody and care of the official records and papers of the League; shall keep a true record of all meetings of the League and the Board; shall issue all official notices, and attend to the necessary correspondence; he shall prepare and furnish such reports as may be called for by the Board, and shall be entitled to such books, stationery, blanks and materials as the actual duties of his office may require.

SEC. 20. The Secretary shall keep a record of all infractions of the rules and regulations of the League that may come under his notice, and shall make a report on the same to the

Board at its next meeting.

SEC. 21. The Secretary shall receive such salary as the Board, by vote, shall determine, and shall be reimbursed for all traveling expenses actually incurred by him in the service of the League; and the Board may exact from him such guarantees for the faithful performance of his duties as they would deem for the interest and safety of the League. At the expiration of his term of office he shall account for and deliver up to the Board all the property and papers which may have come into his hands by virtue of his office.

# LAWS GOVERNING EMPLOYES.

INDIVIDUAL CLUB CONTROL.

Each club belonging to this League shall have the SEC. 22.

right to regulate its own affairs, to establish its own rules, and to discipline, punish, suspend or expel its own manager, players or other employes, and these powers shall not be limited to cases of dishonest play or open insubordination, but shall include all questions of carelessness, indifference or other conduct of the player that may be regarded by the club as prejudicial to its interests; not in conflict with any provision of this Constitution; or the playing rules of this League. The President of the League shall have power, upon proper proof, to inflict a fine for any such offenses not exceeding \$200, which fine can only be remitted by the Board of Directors.

# CLUB TERRITORIAL RIGHTS.

SEC. 23. Every club of this League shall have exclusive control of the city in which it is located and of the territory surrounding such city, to the extent of five miles in every direction from its corporate limits, and no visiting League club shall, under any circumstances, except with the consent of the local League club, until all League championship games on that ground shall have been finished, be allowed to play any club in such territory other than the League club therein located, nor shall a visiting League club play any game in April with any non-League club within said five miles from the corporate limits of the city in which the League club is located, without the consent of the local League club.

# MODE OF CONTRACT.

SEC. 24. Contracts between a club and its players may be either by telegram or writing, to be followed within thirty days thereafter by a contract in the form approved and promulgated by the Secretary to all the clubs.

# ON RESERVATION OF PLAYERS.

SEC. 25. Each club a member of this League shall be entitled to the right of reservation. On or before the 30th day of September in each year each club shall transmit to the Secretary a reserve list of the players whose services it desires to retain, then under contract to the said club for the current or for any succeeding season or seasons, and in addition thereto the names of such players reserved in any prior annual list who have refused to contract with said club. Such players, together with all others thereafter to be regularly contracted with, shall be ineligible to contract with any other club in this League except as hereinafter provided. No club shall have the right to reserve any player when in arrears of salary to him. The Secretary shall promulgate such lists.

### MAKING CONTRACTS.

SEC. 26. All contracts between clubs of this League and individual players shall be made through the Secretary, or his duly authorized agent. This League shall adopt such form of contract as it may deem best for the protection of the rights of the parties thereto. All contracts must be approved by the Secretary, and duly promulgated by him. Provided, clubs belonging to this League may contract with players for any period of time that may be mutually agreed upon. The ten day's release provided for in the seventeenth paragraph of the League form of contract shall begin to run from the time of notice thereof received by the Secretary of the League, who shall, at once, promulgate the same to all club members. At the expiration of said ten days the player so released shall be eligible to contract with the releasing club, or any other club member.

#### EXPULSION OF PLAYERS.

SEC. 27. Any player, while under contract with or reservation by a League club, who shall, without the consent of such club, enter the service of any other club in any capacity, shall be liable to expulsion by said League club. Whenever a club releases a manager or player without notice, or gives him ten days' notice of release in accordance with the terms of his contract, and whenever it suspends or expels a manager or player, that club shall at once notify the Secretary of this League, stating, in case of release, the date when the same takes effect, and in case of suspension or expulsion, the cause thereof.

# NEGOTIATING FOR SERVICES.

SEC. 28. No player, without the consent of the club with which he is under contract or reservation, shall enter into negotiations with any other club for future services, but if such consent be obtained, a player may negotiate for his release, and offer a money consideration therefor, which may be accepted by the said releasing club.

# EFFECT OF CLUB DISBANDMENT.

SEC. 29. The disbandment of a League club or its with-drawal from or loss of League membership shall operate as a release of its players from contract and reservation with said club, but the right to contract with and reserve said players shall be subject to transfer to such other club as the League may designate after acceptance of their said services.

### ON SUSPENSION OF PLAYERS.

SEC. 30. No manager or player who has been suspended or expelled from a League club shall at any time thereafter be

allowed to play with or serve in any capacity any League club (either the one expelling him or any other) unless the term of suspension by the club has expired, or, upon his appeal to this League, such expulsion or suspension shall have been set aside.

# PLAYING WITH OUTSIDE CLUBS.

SEC. 31. No game of base ball shall be played between a League club and any other club that has been expelled from membership in this League. No game of ball shall be played between a League club and any other club employing or presenting in its nine a player expelled or under suspension from the League or otherwise rendered ineligible by this League or a club member thereof. A violation of this section shall for-feit the game in favor of the non-offending club, and subject it to such fine as the Board of Directors may impose.

# "CROOKEDNESS" AND ITS PENALTIES.

SEC. 32. Any person who shall be proven guilty of offering, agreeing, conspiring or attempting to cause any game of ball to result otherwise than on its merits under the playing rules, or who, while acting as umpire, shall violate any provision of the Constitution, or of the playing rules adopted hereunder, may be forever disqualified by the President of the League from acting as umpire, manager, player or in any other capacity in any game of ball participated in by a League club.

# THE UMPIRE AND HIS DUTIES.

#### THE STAFF OF UMPIRES.

SEC. 33. A staff of League Umpires shall be selected by the

Secretary before the opening of the regular season.

(I) They shall be paid such salaries and allowed such expenses as may be mutually agreed upon by contract between them and the Secretary of the League, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors of the League.

(2) They shall be under the sole control and direction of the Secretary, from whom they will receive all assignments to duty and all instructions regarding the interpretation of the playing rules, and the Secretary shall prescribe a proper uniform for them, all parts of which shall be worn while officiating as Umpire.

#### THEIR DUTIES.

(3) In the event of the failure of an Umpire to umpire a game assigned to them, it shall be the duty of the Secretary to provide a substitute to umpire such game, and in such case there shall be deducted from the next annual payment to the League

Umpire the sum of twelve dollars for each game assigned to him, which for any reason he shall have failed to umpire.

(4) It shall be the duty of an Umpire to enforce the rules as they are written, regardless of his personal opinion as to their merit. This shall especially apply to Rule 52, and Section 3 of Rule 54, and Section 1, Rule 59, and in the event of his failure to enforce these rules he shall be fined \$25 for the first offense and \$50 for the second offense, upon the sworn statement of the Captain of one of the opposing teams and two reputable witnesses, which affidavits must be forwarded to the League Secretary within twenty-four hours of the offense.

(5) It shall be the duty of each League club to accept as umpire for any championship game such League Umpire or substitute as the Secretary shall assign to such game, and only in the event of the failure of the League Umpire or substitute so assigned to appear at the hour appointed for the beginning of such game, shall the duty devolve upon the home club to designate an Umpire for such game.

# THEIR REMOVAL.

(6) Any League Umpire shall be subject to removal by the Secretary at any time, and in the event of the resignation, removal or expulsion of any League Umpire the Secretary shall have power to appoint a suitable person to fill the vacancy thus created.

# CAUSE FOR EXPULSION.

SEC. 34. Any League Umpire who shall in the judgment of the President of the League be guilty of ungentlemanly conduct, or of selling or offering to sell a game of which he is Umpire, shall thereupon be removed from his official capacity and placed under the same disabilities inflicted upon expelled players by the Constitution of this League.

# SETTLEMENT OF CLUB DISPUTES.

### THE GOVERNING TRIBUNAL.

SEC. 35. The Board of Directors shall be the sole tribunal to determine disputes between clubs; the facts to be submitted, and the dispute adjudicated under such regulations as the Board shall prescribe in each case. The finding of the Board shall be final, and under no circumstances shall be reconsidered, reopened or inquired into, either by the League or any subsequent Board.

SEC. 36. The Board shall at once consider any complaint preferred by a club against a manager or player of another club (prior to the expiration of the championship season) for

conduct in violation of any provision of this Constitution, or prejudicial to the good repute of the game of base ball, and shall have power to require the club to which such player or manager may belong to discipline him, and upon repetition of such offense to expel him. Provided that such complaint be preferred in writing, giving such particulars as may enable the Board to ascertain all the facts, and be transmitted to the Secretary, by whom it shall at once be referred to the Board.

# ADJUDICATING COMPLAINTS BY PLAYERS.

SEC. 37. In case a player under contract with a League club shall during a current season prefer a complaint in writing to the Secretary of the League against such a club, alleging that such club is in arrears to him for salary for more than fifteen days after such salary became due on account of such contract, the Secretary shall at once transmit to the said club a copy of such complaint, and require an answer thereto. On receipt of such answer, or if one week shall have elapsed without the receipt of an answer, the Secretary shall refer the paper in the case to the Board of Directors through its Chairman, and should the Board find the player's complaint sustained, they shall require the club, under penalty of forfeiture of its membership, to pay to the player forthwith the full amount ascertained to be due him. Provided that should the player refuse to serve the club pending action by the Board on his complaint, he will thereby forfeit the benefits of the award, and in such case the Board shall revoke his award.

# THE COURT OF APPEAL.

SEC. 38. The Board shall also be the sole tribunal of the hearing of an appeal made by any person who shall have been expelled, suspended, or disciplined by his club. The matter shall be proceeded with in the following manner: Such person shall, within thirty days after the date of the expulsion, suspension, or discipline file with the Secretary a written statement of his defense, accompanied by a request that an appeal be allowed him. The Secretary shall notify the club of the request for an appeal, accompanying such notice with a copy of the appeal, and at the next annual meeting the club, by its duly authorized representative, and the appellant in person, by attorney or by written statement, shall aappear before the Board with their testimony. The Board shall impartially hear the matter and render their decision, which shall be final and forever binding on both club and player.

SEC. 39. No Director shall sit in the trial of a cause in which

his club is interested.

Sec. 40. Any expense of trials or arbitrations shall be borne equally by the parties to the controversy.

# ADOPTING PLAYING RULES.

SEC. 41. This League shall adopt such playing rules as it deems best for the conduct of its business.

# THE CHAMPIONSHIP RULES.

# THE COMPETING CLUBS.

SEC. 42. The championship of the United States. established by this League, shall be contended for yearly by the clubs composing the League.

# DURATION OF THE SEASON.

SEC. 43. The championship season shall extend from such date in April or May to such date in September as the League may determine at its stated or special meeting.

# CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES.

SEC. 44. Every game played between two clubs from the commencement of the championship season to the completion of the championship series between such clubs shall be a game for the championship, and no League club shall lend or exchange players to or with each other for any game played during the championship season. Any violation of this section shall subject each offender to a fine of \$100.

# NUMBER OF GAMES.

SEC. 45. Each club shall play twelve or more championship games with every other club, but a tie or draw game or a game prevented by rain shall be played off on the same grounds on a succeeding open date within the dates of the same schedule series between such clubs, or any succeeding series. An open date succeeding any series of games between two clubs shall be considered as belonging to and within the dates of the preceding series, providing such day is not absolutely required by either club to meet its next schedule appointment. In case there is no open date on same ground, such game may be played off on the grounds of the other club on an open date.

SEC. 46. Each club shall have half of the championship series of games with every other club played on its grounds, except as otherwise provided in Section 45, and in all the details of such games that do not involve the rights of the visiting club under the playing rules, but relate solely to such games as attractive exhibitions to the patrons of the home club, the visiting club shall defer to the wishes of the home club, pro-

vided, nevertheless, that the home club shall not be permitted to change the usual hour for the commencement of scheduled games in its particular city more than thirty (30) minutes without first having obtained the consent of the visiting club thereto, under a penalty to the visiting club of \$500. And the visiting club shall furnish to a person designated by the home club the batting order of its nine by 10 o'clock on the morning of the day of each game, or the evening previous, if requested. In case of the failure of any visiting club to furnish the batting order of its nine as herein stipulated, it shall forfeit the sum of \$10, which amount shall be immediately transmitted to the Secretary of the League, upon the receipt of notice from him of the infliction of such fine, which notice shall be given by the Secretary upon receipt of complaint from the home club.

It shall be the duty of the home club to furnish the manager and captain of the visiting club with a list of the batting order before the commencement of the game under similar penalties for default as herein prescribed. The visiting club shall have the right to practise its nine on the grounds of the home club between 11 and 12 o'clock A. M. on each day of its visit during

the championship season.

# THE CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE.

SEC. 47. All championship games shall be arranged in a written schedule prepared by the Schedule Committee, and reported to and adopted by the League by a three-fourths vote before the beginning of the championship season. The schedule shall provide for an equal number of return games, and specify the date of each game and the date of each series of games. No date in said schedule shall subsequently be changed, except (1) by written agreement of two clubs from a date fixed by the schedule for a game between such clubs to another day prior to the first and subsequent to the last date of the same schedule series between such clubs; or (2) as provided in Sec. 45; or (3) by the written consents of three-fourths of all the League clubs.

Any club or clubs violating this section shall be amenable to a penalty of \$1,000. This to apply to the clubs so playing. Said penalty to be paid within forty-eight hours to the Treasurer of the National League and American Association, or if not so paid to be withheld from any funds to their credit in the hands of the Treasurer. All games played in violation of this

section shall not count in the championship series.

# THE ADMISSION FEES AND RECEIPTS.

SEC. 48. The general admission fee to all championship

games shall be fifty cents (50), but each club shall designate a part of its grounds, and provide seats thereon, the admission fee to which shall be twenty-five (25) cents, and all division of percentages shall be made on the basis of fifty (50) cents, except as to that part of the grounds the admission fee to which is fixed at twenty-five (25) cents, and as to such part of said grounds all division of percentage shall be on the basis of twenty-five cents.

At the conclusion of each championship game the home club shall deliver to the manager of the visiting club (and shall transmit by mail to the President or other designated official of the visiting club a duplicate of the same) a statement of the receipts of said game, which must include all fifty-cent and twenty-five cent admissions, and shall pay to the visiting club

fifty per centum of said receipts.

Sec. 49. Out of the funds of this League now in the hands of the Secretary he shall create a Sinking Fund not to exceed \$12,000, which shall be invested in Government bonds. All other funds shall be placed in the treasury to meet current expenses.

# THE TURNSTILE COUNT.

SEC. 50. The number of persons admitted to the grounds shall be determined by the use of the necessary number of selfregistering turnstiles, the arms of which shall extend within four inches of a dividing partition, the keys of which shall be delivered to the agent of the visiting club before the opening of the grounds for each game; and said agent of the visiting club shall have full access to such turnstile, and the box of such turnstile shall not be removed until after the close of the seventh innings, and in case a carriage gate is used a ticket for each person admitted through such gate shall at once be delivered to the agent of the visiting club. No person shall be admitted free to the grounds during or prior to such game or the hour appointed therefor, excepting only players of contesting clubs, policemen in uniform, the umpires and the necessary employes of the home club. The visiting club shall have the right to accept the turnstile count for each and all games, or to count all tickets. Each club shall be required to use for its business a substantial pasteboard ticket, which can be readily counted.

# DIAGRAM OF GROUNDS.

SEC. 51. No club shall be allowed to have more than four entrances to its grounds except upon holidays, but for all such days the visiting club shall be given at least ten days' notice of the whole number and location of additional entrances; pro-

vided, however, emergency gates may be opened by consent of the visiting club if occasion requires.

# STOPPING PLAY TO CATCH TRAINS.

SEC. 52. On any day when either club is required to leave a city to, or in order to reach another city, where it is scheduled to play its next game, the home club shall be compelled upon proper notice by the visiting club to begin the game three hours and a half before the time of the departure of the last train by means of which either club can reach the next scheduled point in time. And either club may leave the field at any time within one hour of said train time without forfeiting any rights or priveleges, provided five innings have been played, and the Umpire shall be the sole judge of the time.

# GIVING OUT RAIN CHECKS.

SEC. 53. In the event of a game being stopped by rain before completion of five innings, the home club may issue rain checks, good for any succeeding game. If rain checks are so issued the visiting club shall not be entitled to its percentage of receipts; but if rain checks are not issued, the visiting club shall be entitled to its percentage of receipts, precisely as if the game had been fully played.

# ON FORFEITED GAMES.

SEC. 54. A club shall be entitled to forfeited games-to count in its series as games won by a score of nine runs to none -in case where the Umpire in any championship game shall award the game to such club on account of the violation by the contesting club of any section of this Constitution or of any playing rule; and in the event of such forfeiture being caused by the withdrawal of the players during the progress of the game, or by a failure to report with its team at the time fixed for the game, unless written notice has been received from the home club that the game cannot be played, then such forfeiting club shall incur a penalty of one thousand dollars, which shall be payable to the Secretary of the League within ten days thereafter for the use and benefit of the non-offending club, but said fine may be remitted or modified upon appeal to and a hearing by the Board of Directors. In addition to the penalty above referred to, the captain or manager, or the person in charge of the offending team, and responsible for the team leaving the field, shall incur a penalty of one hundred dollars, which shall be paid within five days to the Secretary of the League, said penalty not to be remitted under any circumstances.

# ON DRAWN GAMES.

SEC. 55. Drawn, tie and postponed games shall not count in the series as games (but any game of not less than five innings shall be included in the averages), but must be played off, if possible, as provided in Section 45. If they cannot be played off, as therein provided, they may subsequently be played off, if sufficient time exists before the close of the season.

Double games for one admission shall not be permitted until the last schedule series, when they shall be compulsory to the extent of playing off all postponed, tie or drawn games.

# WINNING THE PENNANT.

SEC. 56. The club which shall have won the greatest percentage of games in the championship series, shall be declared the champion club of the United States for the season in which such games were played. In the event that two or more clubs shall have won the same percentage of games, then the Board shall at once arrange a special series of three games between any two of such clubs, such games to be played at th close of the championship season, and the games so played shall be included in the championship record, and counted in determining the award of the championship. In such case only the provisions of this Constitution prohibiting the playing or recording as championship games, games played after the expiration of the championship season, shall have no effect. emblem of the championship shall be a pennant (of the National colors) to cost not less than one hundred dollars (\$100). It shall be inscribed with the motto, "Champion Base Ball Club of the United States," with the name of the club and the year in which the title was won, and the champion club shall be entitled to fly the pennant until the close of the ensuing year.

# DECIDING THE CHAMPIONSHIP.

SEC. 57. The championship shall be decided in the following manner:

Within twenty-four hours after every match game played for the championship, the home club shall prepare and forward to the Secretary of the League a statement containing the full score of the game, according to the system specified in the playing rules, the date, the place where played, the names of the clubs and Umpire, provided that no tie or drawn game shall be considered a game for any purpose except the averages; and provided, further, that in any case where the Secretary shall not receive the score of a championship game within five days after the playing of such game, the club whose duty it is

to forward such score shall pay to the League the sum of \$2 as

the penalty of such default.

At the close of the season the Secretary shall prepare a tabular statement of the games won and lost by each club, according to the statement so sent him, which statement shall be the sole evidence in the matter, and submit the same, with the statements so sent him, to the Board, who shall make the award in writing and report the same to the League at its annual meeting.

In making the award the Board shall consider:
(1) The tabular statement of the Secretary.

(2) Forfeited games.

(3) Games participated in by clubs which have withdrawn, disbanded, or forfeited their membership without completing their championship series with all other League clubs; such games shall be counted to the following extent: The Board shall ascertain the least number of championship games played by such club with any club remaining in the League, and shall from the first game participated in during the championship series by such retired club, count in the series of each League club a similar number of games, and all other games participated in by such retired club shall not be counted in the championship series. Provided, that if such retired club shall have failed to play at least one championship game with every League club, all games participated in by it shall be thrown out entirely.

# ANNUAL MEETING.

SEC. 58. The annual meeting of the League shall be held on the first Wednesday after the second Tuesday in November of each year, at 12 o'clock noon, and at such places as shall have been determined by a vote at the previous annual meeting.

### CLUB REPRESENTATION.

SEC. 59. At such meeting each club shall be represented and shall be entitled to two representatives, and to have in addition thereto any of its officers or ex-officers present at such meeting; but no club shall be permitted to send as a representative any person under contract or engagement as a ball player or manager, and belonging to the nine of said club in such capacity. They shall present a certificate from the President or Secretary of their club, showing their authority to act, but no club shall have more than one vote.

# THE LEAGUE SESSIONS.

Sec. 60. This League may, upon a majority vote of its members, elect to go into executive session for the transaction of its business, and during such sessions no club shall be entitled to more than two (2) representatives.

## SPECIAL MEETINGS.

SEC. 61. Special meetings may be called by the President of this League on his own option or on the written call of six clubs.

# ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Sec. 62. A representation of a majority of clubs shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but a less number may adjourn from time to time until a quorum is obtained.

SEC. 63. The following shall be the order of business, unless suspended by a three-fourths vote of the club members:

- 1. Reading Minutes of last meeting,
- 2. Report of Board of Directors.
- 3. Report of Committees.
- 4. Election of new members.
- 5. Amendment of Constitution.
- 6. Amendment of Playing Rules.
- 7. Election of Officers.
- 8. Miscellaneous business.
- 9. Adjournment.

# AMENDMENTS.

SEC. 64. (1) The Constitution of this League may be altered or amended by a three-fourths vote of the League at any annual meeting, or by a unanimous vote at any other time. Provided, however, that this section and Sections 3, 8, 48 and 49 shall not be altered or amended except by a unanimous vote of this League.

(2) Any section of this Constitution may be suspended or its provision made non-applicable by unanimous vote at a League meeting.

# NATIONAL AGREEMENT OF PROFESSIONAL BASE BALL ASSOCIATIONS.

This Agreement between the National League and American Association of Professional Base Ball Clubs, hereinafter designated as the party of the first part, such eligible professional base ball associations as shall, with the assent of the National Board of Professional Base Ball Associations, be admitted to Class A and become signatory parties hereto—hereinafter designated as the parties of the second part, and such other eligible professional base ball associations as shall, with the assent of said National Board, be admitted to Class Band become signatory parties hereto—hereinafter designated as the parties of the third part. Witnesseth, That

1. This instrument shall be called the National Agreement of

Professional Base Ball Associations.

2. The general enforcement of this Agreement, the protection of rights thereunder, the determination of all controversies as hereinafter provided, and generally the regulation of all things within the scope of this Agreement, are each and severally conferred upon and committed to a Board to be known as "The National Board of Professional Base Ball Associations." This Board shall consist of three delegates, representing the party of the first part, and one delegate representing each of the parties of the second part, elected each year by their respective constituent associations. The officers of the Board shall consist of a chairman, secretary and treasurer, which offices may be filled by either one, two or three persons. All officers, assistants, agents or employes shall be selected, and all other questions, except as hereinafter prescribed, shall be decided by the entire Board, a majority of the delegates of the parties of the first part concurring in such selection and decision. A quorum for the transaction of business shall be constituted by the presence of a majority of the delegates of the party of the first part.

3. The Board may adopt rules and regulations prescribing the duties of each and all of its officers, its method of procedure and

the general transaction of its business.

4. It shall be the duty of the Board, and it shall have full and

final jurisdiction:

(a) To hear and determine all disputes and complaints between associations and clubs; between one club and another, members of different associations; between clubs and players or managers, and, in addition thereto, all disputes and complaints arising under and of all matters involving the interpretation of the National

Agreement or the disposition of the rights thereunder. Clubs belonging to the same association, by mutual consent, or upon the request of the association to which they belong, may refer any controversy between such clubs or in which such clubs are

interested, to the Board for decision or adjustment.

(b) In the performance of its duties the Board shall have power to impose fines or penalties upon associations, clubs, club officers, players, managers, scorers and umpires. and to suspend any such organization or person from the protection and privileges of the National Agreement in any instances in which, in its opinion, it or he shall have been guilty of conduct detrimental to the general welfare of the game, or in violation of the letter or spirit of the National Agreement.

(c) Its decisions shall be final over any and all matters within

its jurisdiction.

(d) It may reinstate any person or body suspended.

(e) It shall have power to make such reasonable assessments upon clubs or associations as may be necessary to defray the expenses incidental to the performance of its duties and the enforce-

ment of this Agreement.

(f) It may make all orders, rules and regulations, which it may deem necessary for the performance of its duties and the exercise of its powers, and to accomplish the purpose in view in its establishment, and amend and supplement the same from time to time; provided, prior notice of any proposed amendments or supplements be given to all members of the Board before action be taken thereon.

(g) It may cause the proceedings or rulings, or any part thereof, in any case which may be deemed of sufficient importance to serve as a precedent, to be published in such a manner as may be

prescribed.

(h) Whenever anybody or person shall desire to submit any matter for the consideration of the Board it shall be presented to the chairman by a concise statement thereof, and accompanied by such evidence as may be in support of such statement. Notice shall be given to any other body or person interested in the matter, to make answer and to present appropriate evidence in support

5. (a) Associations parties of the second part shall be known and designated as members of Class A, and associations parties of the third part shall be known and designated as members of Class B, and an association of either class whose membership shall at any time be reduced to less than four clubs actually engaged in a schedule of championship games during and to the close of the season shall cease to be parties to, and forfeit all rights, privileges and protection under the National Agreement.

(b) When an association applies for protection and classification under the National Agreement, it shall include and state in its application to the secretary of the Board: The class, A or B, into which it seeks admission; the list of its club members with the respective location of their business offices and playing grounds; the monthly salary limit for its club teams and maximum monthly salary limit of their players; a copy of the constitution and bylaws of the association; a pledge or agreement for the maintenance of said salary limit and the faithful performance of its obligations under the National Agreement, its own constitution and by-laws, and its other contractual obligations; which classification, club membership, location of club offices and playing grounds, salary limit, constitution, by-laws and pledge or agreement shall not, after approval by the Board, be changed, modified, altered or released without the assent of the Board.

(c) Class A shall constitute associations whose clubs shall have the privilege of contracting with their players for one, two or three seasons or years, and of reservation, in accordance with Art. 9, of players under contract of only one season or year; subject to the right of "selection" of their players by a club member of the party of the first part, in accordance with Art. 6, at the rate of \$1000 for the release of each player so "selected." When such association shall consist of but four clubs, it shall pay to the secretary of the Board \$250 for each of said clubs; when of six clubs, \$200 for each of said clubs; when of eight or more clubs, \$150 for each of said clubs. Such payments to be made before the

beginning of the championship season.

(d) Class B shall constitute associations whose clubs shall have the privilege of contracting with their players for but one season with or without reservation (in accordance with Art. 9) as they may elect by notice to the secretary of the Board prior to the beginning of their championship season. Such association shall be subject to the right of "selection" by a club member of either of the parties of the first and second part in accordance with Art. 6, at the rate of \$500 for the release of each player so "selected"—if entitled to reservation privileges.

When such association shall elect reservation privileges, it shall pay to the secretary of the Board for each of its clubs one-half the sums payable, as above prescribed, for associations in Class A, and, when not entitled to reservation privileges, the sum of twenty-five dollars per club prior to the beginning of the playing

season.

6. (a) For the purpose of enabling players to advance in their profession a club member of the party of the first part may, at any time after October 1, in any year and before February 1 of the succeeding year, with the consent of the Board, negotiate with any

player then under contract with or reservation by a club member of such association, and "select" such player upon payment of the sum specified in Art. 5. And a club member of an association in Class A may negotiate with and make similar "selection" of a player then under contract and reservation by a club member of an association in Class B. Provided, that no such "selection" shall be enforced, and no transfer of a player shall be made unless

he shall receive an increase of salary.

(b) Any club entitled to make a "selection" of a player and desiring to do so, shall notify the secretary of the Board, stating the name of the player and the club with which he is under contract of reservation, and inclosing the amount specified in Art. 5, to be paid for such release. The secretary shall thereupon notify the club or association from which such "selection" is to be made, and shall order his transfer to the "selecting" club. Notice of

such transfer shall thereupon be promulgated.

7. Contracts between clubs and players shall be in writing in the form prescribed by the Board. An informal contract, whether evidenced by telegrams or other writing, shall be valid for a period not exceeding thirty days, until a contract in the prescribed form shall be tendered by the contracting club to the contracting player. The failure of the club to so tender such formal contract will release the player from all contractual obligations thereunder, and the refusal of the player to execute such formal contract when so tendered shall extend the validity of his informal contract until he shall execute said formal contract.

8. No club shall at any time enter into negotiations or contract with any player under contract to or reservation by another club without the latter's consent, under such fines and penalties as the

Board may inflict.

9. On or before the tenth day of October in each year the secretaries of associations, parties hereto, entitled to privilege of reservation, shall transmit to the secretary of the Board a reserve list of players, not exceeding fourteen in number, then under contract with each of its several club members, for the current or for any succeeding season or seasons, and in addition thereto a list of such players reserved in any prior annual reserve list, who have refused to contract with such clubs, and of all ineligible players. Such players, together with all others thereafter to be regularly contracted with by such clubs, are and shall be ineligible to contract with any other club of any association, except as herein prescribed. The secretary of said Board shall thereupon promulgate such lists, provided that no club shall be permitted to reserve any player while in arrears of salary to him.

To. The Board may also release from contract or reservation any player or manager, when the club with which he has con-

tracted, or by which ne has peen reserved, shall be in arrears to him for salary for more than fifteen days after such salary became due; or when the reserving club has failed to tender to any player, on or before the 1st day of March, after such reservation, a formal contract, with a salary of at least such an amount per month as the Board may fix as the minimum salary to be paid to such player, or when any such reserving club has transferred its membership after the close of a championship season to a different association, if the Board shall deem that the player will be prejudiced by such transfer.

II. When a player under contract or reservation by any club of an association party hereto shall be expelled, suspended or rendered ineligible, in accordance with the rules of such association, notice of such disqualification shall be given to the said Board by the secretary of the association from whose club the player may have been thus disqualified, and the Board shall forthwith give notice of such disqualification to the several clubs acting under this Agreement. When a player shall become ineligible under the provision: of this Agreement, or by order of the Board, the secretary of the Board shall notify the several clubs acting under this agreement of such disqualification. From the receipt of any such notice all club members of associations acting under this Agreement shall be debarred from employing or playing with or against such disqualified player until the period of disqualification shall have terminated or the disqualification be revoked by the association from which such player was disqualified, or by the Board, and due notice of such revocation shall be given by the Board to the said several clubs.

12. Any player, who has entered into a contract with any club of an 'association party hereto, may be suspended without pay or fined by such club or association for breach of contract or breach of any of the rules of such club or association, and he shall thereafter be ineligible to sign or play during the remainder of the current season with any of the clubs of any association acting hereunder, unless such disability shall have been sooner removed by the club or association by which he was suspended, or by the

Board.

13. Upon the release of a player from contract or reservation with any club member of an association then acting under this Agreement (unless the release be made by "selection" under Art. 6), the services of such player shall at once be subject to acceptance by any club belonging to the same association, expressed in writing or by telegraph to the Secretary of the Board, for a period of ten days after notice of said release; and thereafter if said services be not so accepted, said player may negotiate and contract with any club. The releasing club shall send

notice to the Secretary of the Board of said player's release on the date thereof, and the latter shall promulgate any acceptance of his services. Provided, that the disbandment of a club or its expulsion from membership in either association acting hereunder shall operate as a release of all of its players from contract with or reservation by said club. But the services of such players shall at once be subject to the acceptance of such association for a period of ten days, for the purpose of supplying the vacancy in its membership.

14. Each association shall have the right to make and enforce all rules and regulations pertaining to the control, discipline and compensation of all players under contract with its club members. And it may prescribe that all contracts with its players shall be made directly with said association, assignable to its club members, with the right of reservation to be exclusively exercised by said association, in which event all the provisions of this agreement applying to contacts or reservation of players with and by club members shall apply to such contracts and reservation of players with and by said association. Provided, that such rules and regulations shall in no way conflict with the provisions of this Agreement, or any rule, regulation or order of the Board.

15. Each club of the association party of the first part shall have exclusive control of its own territory, and no club shall be entitled to membership in either of said associations, parties of second or third parts from any city or county in which a club member of the party of the first part may be already located, or within five miles from any such city or county without the consent of such club member, party of first part. No club shall play a game within the city in which any other club member of an association party hereto is located without the consent of such other club.

16. No game shall be played between any club of any association acting hereunder, or any of its players under contract or reservation, with any other club or "team" containing an ineligible player; nor with a club or team that has played with

another club or team containing such ineligible player. A violation of this section shall subject each offender to fine, suspension or expulsion, in the discretion of the Board.

17. Should a club of any association agree in writing or by telegraph with another club of an association, subject to the National Agreement, for the release of any player then under contract or reservation with or by it, either party may file said agreement with the Board, and should any such club refuse to

comply with its said agreement the Board may require said agreement to be complied with, and may transfer the said.

player accordingly, and may expel or otherwise punish the club

so refusing to comply with its said agreement.

18. Before any association shall be granted the privileges and protection of this Agreement it shall enact laws or regulations debarring any of its clubs from entering into contract with any player while under arrears of salary to him, and from suspending or otherwise attempting to disqualify such player for refusing to contract while it is so in arrears, and shall also provide for the expulsion of any club for refusal to pay arrears of salary to a player when thereto required by said association or by the Board.

19. All rights of any association hereunder shall be forfeited for failing to expel any of its club members that may play a game of ball except under the Playing Rules adopted by the National League and American Association of Professional

Base Ball Clubs.

20. The term "association," as herein used, shall mean and comprise an organization of professional or semi-professional base ball clubs of not less than four clubs, whether known as a "league," "association," or by any other designation.

21. This agreement may be altered or amended at any time, upon suggestion of the Board, by the party of the first part. It shall take effect and be in force from and after March 2, 1892.

I hereby certify that the Association party hereto has adopted, ratified and approved this Agreement and authorized its President to sign the same.

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N. E. YOUNG,

President National League and American Association of Professional Base Ball Clubs.

# The Rules and Regulations of the National Board of Professional Base Ball Associations.

The following rules and regulations have been adopted by the National Board of Professional Base Ball Associations, and are here given in order that they may be understood by all those interested. The same being adopted and to remain in force until repealed, altered, added to or amended.

# THE CHAIRMAN.

I. The duties of the Chairman shall be as follows:

(a) To issue calls for meetings of the Board and preside at such meetings; having all powers with reference thereto which are incident to a presiding officer.

(b) To rule upon and decide all incidental and routine matters presented for determination, with power to delegate this duty to the Secretary or any member of the Board,

(c) To supervise the performance of the duties imposed upon the other members of the Board.

(d) To see that each and all of the orders of this Board are complied with.

# THE SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

2. The offices of the Secretary and Treasurer may be filled by one and the same person, and the duties of such officer shall be as follows:

(a) To receive, receipt for and disburse all moneys payable to this Board, and to make all financial statements required by the provisions of the National Agreement.

(b) To keep the records of the proceedings of the Board, together with all the records required to be kept by the provisions of the National Agreement.

(c) To issue all notices required by the National Agreement to be issued.

(d) To give interpretation to the playing rules when requested so to do, pursuant to the provisions of the National Agreement.

(c) To receive all applications for membership under the National Agreement and to see that the applicants pay their proper dues.

(f) To give notice of all fines and penalties imposed by the Board and to see that the same are paid.

(g) To attend to such other matters as may be required of him by the Board, and to keep records of all the business and duties connected with the Board.

## ELECTIONS.

The Chairman and the Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected annually at some meeting after the first of January, and shall hold until their successors are elected and qualify.

# OPINIONS AND DECISIONS.

Whenever any controversy or matter to be submitted to the Board for adjustment or decision shall be forwarded, together with all evidence and documents therewith connected, to the Secretary and Treasurer, he shall, after submitting the same to the Board, promulgate or publish the opinion, which must be prepared by the Chairman or such other member of the Board as he shall designate.

# SELECTION OF PLAYERS.

Whenever any player shall be "selected" by more than one club, the Board will award him to the club which shall have first filed formal notice with the Secretary that it desires the services of said player. Such notice, however, must be accompanied by the deposit required by the provisions of the National Agreement, otherwise such notice will be of no effect and void. A player so awarded shall be ineligible to sign with any other club, and upon declining to abide by the decisions of the Board, may be included in the regular list of reserved players of the club selecting him as per the provisions of Section 9 of the National Agreement.

# ACCEPTED PLAYERS.

Whenever the services of any player released under the provisions of the National Agreement are accepted by any club or association, authorized so to do by the provisions of such agreement, notice thereof shall be at once given to the Secretary, who shall accordingly promulgate the fact.

# PAYMENTS.

All expenses of the Board, including compensation to the Secretary and Treasurer, or to any other officer or member of the Board for special work performed, telegraphing, postage, and such other expenses as shall be allowed, must be paid by check of the Secretary and Treasurer and vouchers taken thereof, which vouchers shall be submitted at least once a year to the Board for examination and approval.

# THE NATIONAL BOARD

OF

# PROFESSIONAL BASE BALL CLUBS.

1895.

# OFFICE, WASHINGTON, D. C.

# MEMBERS OF THE BOARD:

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# THE PLAYING RULES

OF

# PROFESSIONAL BASE \* BALL \* CLUBS

As adopted by the National League and American Association of Professional Base Ball Clubs.

# THE BALL GROUND.

RULE 1. The Ground must be an inclosed field, sufficient in size to enable each player to play in his position as required by these Rules.

RULE 2. To lay off the lines governing the positions and play off the Game known as Base Ball, proceed as follows:

From a point, A, within the grounds, project a right line out into the field, and at a point, B, 154 feet from point A, lay off lines B C and B D at right angles to the line A B; then with B as centre and 63.63945 feet as radius, describe arcs cutting the lines B A at F and B C at G; B D at H; and B E at I. Draw lines F G, G E, E H and H F, and said lines will be the containing lines of the Diamond or Infield.

#### THE CATCHER'S LINES.

RULE 3. With F as centre and 90 feet radius, an arc cutting line F A at L, and draw lines L M and L O at right angles to F A; and continue same out from F A not less than 90 feet.

#### THE FOUL LINE.

RULE 4. From the intersection point, F, continue the straight lines F G and F H until they intersect with the lines L M and L I, and then from the points G and H in the opposite direction until they reach the boundary lines of the grounds.

# THE PLAYERS' LINES.

RULE 5. With F as centre and 50 feet radius, describe arcs cutting lines F O and E M at P and Q, then with F as centre again and 75 feet radius describe arcs cutting F G and F H at R and S; then from the points P Q R and S draw lines at right angles to the lines F O, F M, F G, and F H, and continue same until they intersect at the points T W and W.

# THE CAPTAIN AND COACHERS' LINE.

RULE 6. With R and S as centres and 15 feet radius, describe arcs cutting lines R W and S T at X and Y, and from the points X and Y draw lines parallel with lines F H and F G, and continue same out to the boundary lines of the ground.

### THE THREE FOOT LINE.

RULE 7. With F as centre and 45 feet radius, describe an arc cutting line F G at 1, and from 1 out to the distance of 3 feet draw a line at right angles to F G, and marked point 2; then from point 2, draw a line parallel with the line F G to a point 3 feet beyond the point G, and marked 3; then from the point 3 draw a line at right angles to line 2, 3, back to and intersecting with line F G, and from thence back along line G F to point 1.

# THE PITCHER'S PLATE.

RULE 8. With point F as centre and 60.5 feet as radius, describe an arc cutting the line F B at a point 4, and draw a line 5, 6, passing through point 4 and extending 12 inches on either side of line F B; then with line 5, 6, as a side, describe a parallelogram 24 inches by 6 inches.

# THE BASES.

Rule 9. Within the angle F, describe a square the sides of which shall be 12 inches, two of its sides lying upon the lines F G and F H, and within the angles G and H describe squares the side of which shall be 15 inches, the two outer sides of said square lying upon the lines F G and G I and F H and H I, and at the angle E describe a square whose side shall be 15 inches and so described that its sides shall be parallel with G I and I H and its centre immediately over the angular point E.

# THE BATSMAN'S LINE.

RULE 10. On either side of the line A F B describe two parallelograms 6 feet long and 4 feet wide (marked 8 and 9), their length being parallel with the line A F B, their distance apart being 6 inches, added to each end of the length of the diagonal of the square within the angle F, and the centre of their length being upon said diagonal.

RULE II. The Home Base at F and the Pitcher's Plate at 4 must be of whitened rubber and so fixed in the ground as to

be even with the surface.

RULE 12. The First Base at G, the Second Base at E, and the Third Base at H, must be of white canvas bags, filled with soft material, and securely fastened in their positions described in Rule 9.

RULE 13. The lines described in Rules 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 1 must be marked with lime, chalk, or other suitable material, so as to be distinctly seen by the Umpire.

# THE BALL.

RULE 14. The Ball.\* (See Foot Note.)

SECTION I. Must not weigh less than five nor more than five and one-quarter ounces avoirdupois, and measure not less than nine nor more than nine and one-quarter inches in circumference. The Spalding League Ball, or the Reach American Association Ball, must be used in all games played under these rules.

SEC. 2. For each championship game two balls shall be furnished by the Home Club to the Umpire for use. When the ball in play is batted to foul ground, out of sight of the Umpire, the other ball shall be immediately brought into play. As often as one of the two in use shall be lost a new one must be substituted, so that the Umpire shall at all times after the game begins have two balls for use. The moment the Umpire delivers an alternate ball to the pitcher it comes into play, and shall not be exchanged until it, in turn, passes out of sight to foul ground.

SEC. 3. In all games the ball or balls played with shall be furnished by the Home Club, and the last ball in play becomes the property of the winning club. Each ball to be used in championship games shall be examined, measured and weighed by the Secretary of the Association, inclosed in a paper box and sealed with the seal of the Secretary, which seal shall not be broken except by the Umpire in the presence of the Captains of the two contesting nines after play has been called.

SEC. 4. Should the ball become out of shape, or cut or ripped so as to expose the interior, or in any way so injured as to be, in the opinion of the Umpire, unfit for fair use, he shall, upon appeal by either Captain, at once put the alternate ball into play and call for a new one.

# THE BAT.

RULE 15. The Bat:

Must be made entirely of hard wood, except that the handle may be wound with twine, or a granulated substance applied, not to exceed eighteen inches from the end.

\*The Spalding League Ball has been adopted by the National League for the past eighteen years, and is used in all League contests.

For junior clubs (clubs composed of boys under 16 years of age) we recommend them to use the Spalding Boys' League Ball and that games played by junior clubs with this ball will count as legal games the same as if played with the Official League Ball.

It must be round, not exceed two and three-quarter inches in diameter in the thickest part, and must not exceed forty-two inches in length.

#### THE PLAYERS AND THEIR POSITIONS.

RULE 16. The players of each club in a game shall be nine in number, one of whom shall act as Captain, and in no case shall less than nine men be allowed to play on each side.

RULE 17. The players' positions shall be such as may be assigned them by their Captain, except that the pitcher must take the position as defined in Rules 8 and 20.

RULE 18. Players in uniform shall not be permitted to

occupy seats among the spectators.

RULE 19. SECTION I. Every club shall adopt uniforms for its players, but no player shall attach anything to the sole or heel of his shoes other than the ordinary base ball shoe plate.

SEC. 2. The catcher and first baseman are permitted to wear a glove or mitt of any size, shape or weight. All other players are restricted to the use of a glove or mitt weighing not over ten ounces, and measuring in circumfer ince around the palm of the hand not over fourteen inches.

### PLAYERS' BENCHES.

RULE 20. The Players' Benches must be furnished by the Home Club, and placed upon a portion of the ground outside of, and not nearer than twenty-five feet to, the players' lines. One such bench must be for the exclusive use of the visiting club, and one for the exclusive use of the home club, and the players of the competing teams shall be required to occupy their respective benches while not engaged in active play.

#### THE GAME.

RULE 21. SECTION I. Every Championship game must be commenced not later than two hours before sunset.

SEC. 2. A Game shall consist of nine innings to each con-

testing nine, except that

(a) If the side first at bat scores less runs in nine innings than the other side has scored in eight innings, the game shall then terminate.

(b) If the side last at bat in the ninth innings scores the winning run before the third man is out, the game shall terminate. A TIE GAME.

RULE 22. If the score be a tie at the end of nine innings, play shall be continued until one side has scored more runs than the other in an equal number of innings, provided that if the side last at bat scores the winning run before the third man is out the game shall terminate.

### A DRAWN GAME.

RUIÆ 23. A Drawn Game shall be declared by the Umpire when he terminates a game on account of darkness or rain, after five equal innings have been played, if the score at the time is equal on the last even innings played; but (exception) if the side that went second to bat is then at the bat, and has scored the same number of runs as the other side, the Umpire shall declare the game drawn without regard to the score of the last equal innings.

### A CALLED GAME.

RULE 24. If the Umpire calls "Game" on account of darkness or rain at any time after five innings have been completed, the score shall be that of the last equal innings played, unless the side second at bat shall have scored one or more runs than the side first at bat, in which case the score of the game shall be the total number of runs made.

### A FORFEITED GAME.

RULE 25. A forfeited game shall be declared by the Umpire in favor of the club not in fault, at the request of such club, in

the following cases:

SECTION I. If the nine of a club fail to appear upon a field, or being upon the field, fail to begin the game within five minutes after the Umpire has called "Play," at the hour appointed for the beginning of the game, unless such delay in appearing or in commencing the game be unavoidable.

SEC. 2. If, after the game has begun, one side refuses or fails to continue playing, unless such game has been suspended

or terminated by the Umpire.

SEC. 3. If, after play has been suspended by the Umpire, one side fails to resume playing within one minute after the Umpire has called "Play."

SEC. 4. If a team resorts to dilatory practice to delay the

game.

SEC. 5. If, in the opinion of the Umpire, any one of these

rules is wilfully violated.

SEC. 6. If, after ordering the removal of a player as authorized by Rule 59, Sec. 5, said order is not obeyed within one minute.

SEC. 7. In case the Umpire declares a game forfeited, he shall transmit a written notice thereof to the President of the Association within twenty-four hours thereafter.

#### NO GAME.

RULE 26. "No Game" shall be declared by the Umpire if he shall terminate play on account of rain or darkness, before five innings on each side are completed, except in a case when the game is called, and the club second at bat shall have more runs at the end of its fourth innings than the club first at bat has made in its five innings, then the Umpire shall award the game to the club having made the greatest number of runs, and it shall be a game and be so counted in the Championship record.

#### SUBSTITUTES.

RULE 27. SECTION I. In every championship game each team shall be required to have present on the field, in uniform, one or more substitute players.

SEC. 2. Any such player may be substituted at any time by either club, but no player thereby retired shall thereafter par-

ticipate in the game.

SEC. 3. The Base Runner shall not have a substitute run for him except by consent of the Captains of the contesting teams.

CHOICE OF INNINGS-CONDITION OF GROUND.

Rule 28. The choice of innings shall be given to the Captain of the Home Club, who shall also be the sole judge of the fitness of the ground for beginning a game after rain.

### THE PITCHER'S POSITION.

Rule 29. The Pitcher shall shall take his position facing the Batsman with both feet square on the ground, and in front of the Pitcher's plate, but in the act of delivering the ball one foot must be in contact with the pitcher's plate, defined in Rule 8. He shall not raise either foot, unless in the act of delivering the ball, nor make more than one step in such delivery. He shall hold the ball, before the delivery, fairly in front of his body, and in sight of the Umpire. When the Pitcher feigns to throw the ball to a base he must resume the above position and pause momentarily before delivering the ball to the bat.

THE DELIVERY OF THE BALL-FAIR AND UNFAIR BALLS.

RULE 30. A Fair Ball is a ball delivered by the Pitcher while standing in his position, and facing the Batsman, the ball so delivered to pass over the Home Base, not lower than the Batsman's knee, nor higher than his shoulder.

RULE 31. An Unfair Ball is a ball delivered by the Pitcher, as in Rule 30, except that the ball does not pass over the Home Base, or does pass over the Home Base above the Batsman's

shoulder or below the knee.

#### BALKING.

RULE 32 A Balk shall be:

SECTION I. Any motion made by the Pitcher to deliver the ball to the bat without delivering it.

SEC. 2. The holding of the ball by the Pitcher so long as to

delay the game unnecessarily.

SEC. 3. Any motion in delivering the ball to the bat by the Pitcher while not in the position defined in Rule 29.

### DEAD BALLS.

RULE 33. A Dead Ball is a ball delivered to the bat by the Pitcher that touches any part of the Batsman's person or clothing while standing in his position without being struck at; or any part of the Umpire's person or clothing, while on foul

ground, without first passing the Catcher.

RULE 34. In case of a Foul Strike, Foul Hit ball not legally caught out, Dead Ball, or Base Runner put out for being struck by a fair hit ball, the ball shall not be considered in play until it is held by the Pitcher standing in his position, and the Umpire shall have called play.

#### BLOCK BALLS.

RULE 35. Section I. A Block is a batted or thrown ball that is touched, stopped or handled by any person not engaged in the game.

SEC. 2. Whenever a Block occurs the Umpire shall declare it, and Base Runners may run the bases without being put out until the ball has been returned to and held by the pitcher

standing in his position.

SEC. 3. In the case of a Block, if the person not engaged in the game should retain possession of the ball, or throw or kick it beyond the reach of the Fielders, the Umpire should call "Time," and require each Base Runner to stop at the last base touched by him until the ball be returned to the pitcher standing in his position, and the Umpire shall have called play.

### THE BATSMAN'S POSITION-ORDER OF BATTING.

Rule 36. The Batsmen must take their positions within the Batsmen's Lines, as defined in Rule 10, in the order in which they are named in the batting order, which batting order must be submitted by the Captains of the opposing teams to the Umpire before the game, and this batting order must be followed except in the case of a substitute player, in which case the substitute must take the place of the original player in the batting order. After the first inning the first striker in each inning shall be the batsman whose name follows that of the last man who has completed his turn—time at bat—in the preceding inning.

RULE 37. SECTION I. When their side goes to the bat the players must immediately return to the players' bench, as defined in Rule 20, and remain there until the side is put out, ex-

cept when batsmen or base runners; provided, that the Captain and one assistant only may occupy the space between the Players' Lines and the Captain's Lines, to coach base runners.

SEC. 2. No playe of the side "at bat," except when batsman, shall occupy any portion of the space within the Catcher's Lines, as defined in Rule 3. The triangular space behind the Home Base is reserved for the exclusive use of Umpire, Catcher and Batsman, and the Umpire must prohibit any player of the side "at bat" from crossing the same at any time while the ball is in the hands of, or passing between the Pitcher and Catcher, while standing in their positions.

SEC. 3. The players of the side "at bat" must occupy the portion of the field allotted them, but must speedily vacate any portion thereof that may be in the way of the ball, or any Fielder attempting to catch or field it.

### THE BATTING RULES.

RULE 38. A Fair Hit is a ball batted by the Batsman, standing in his position, that first touches any part of the person of a player or umpire or falls within the foul lines, that (whether it first touches Foul or Fair Ground) bounds or rolls within the Foul Lines, between Home and First, or Home and Third Bases, without interference by a player.

RULE 39. A Foul Hit is a ball batted by the Batsman, standing in his position, that first touches the ground, any part of the person of a player, or any object behind either of the Foul Lines, or that strikes the person of such Batsman, while standing in his position, or batted by the Batsman, standing in his position, that (whether it first touches Foul or Fair Ground) bounds or rolls outside the Foul Lines, between Home and First or Home and Third Bases, without interference by a player: *Provided*, that a Foul Hit ball not rising above the Batsman's head, and caught by the Catcher playing within ten feet of the Home Base, shall be termed a Foul Tip.

RULE 40. A bunt hit is a deliberate attempt on the part of the Batsman to hit a ball slowly within the infield so that it cannot be fielded by any infielder in time to retire the batsman.

#### BALLS BATTED OUTSIDE THE GROUNDS.

RULE 41. When a batted ball passes outside the grounds, the Umpire shall decide it Fair should it disappear within, or Foul should it disappear outside of, the range of the Foul Lines, and Rules 38 and 39 are to be construed accordingly.

RULE 42. A Fair batted ball that goes over the fence shall entitle the batsman to a home run, except that should it go over the fence at a less distance than two hundred and thirty-five feet from the Home Base, when he shall be entitled to two

bases only, and a distinctive line shall be marked on the fence at this point.

STRIKES.

RULE 43. A strike is:

SECTION I. A ball struck at by the Batsman without its touching his bat; or

SEC. 2. A Fair Ball legally delivered by the Pitcher, but not struck at by the Batsman.

SEC. 3. Any obvious attempt to make a Foul Hit.

SEC. 4. A Foul Hit, other than a Foul Tip, made by the Batsman while attempting a bunt hit, as defined in Rule 40, that falls or rolls upon foul ground between Home Base and First Base or Home Base and Third Base.

SEC. 5. A ball struck at, if the ball touches any part of the

Batsman's person.

SEC. 6. A ball tipped by the Batsman and caught by the

catcher within the 10-foot lines.

RULE 44. A Foul Strike is a ball batted by the Batsman when any part of his person is upon ground outside the lines of the Batsman's position.

### THE BATSMAN IS OUT.

RULE 45. The Batsman is out:

SECTION I. If he fails to take his position at the bat in his order of batting, unless the error be discovered and the proper Batsman takes his position before a time "at bat" recorded; and in such case the balls and strikes called must be counted in the time "at bat" of the proper Batsman, and only the proper Batsman shall be declared out: Provided, this rule shall not take effect unless the out is declared before the ball is delivered to the succeeding Batsman, and no runs shall be scored or bases run, and further, no outs shall be counted other than that of the proper Batsman.

SEC. 2. If he fails to take his position within one minute

after the Umpire has called for the Batsman.

SEC. 3. If he makes a Foul Hit other than a Foul Tip, as defined in Rule 39, and the ball be momentarily held by a Fielder before touching the ground, provided it be not caught in a Fielder's hat or cap, or touch some object other than a Fielder, before being caught.

SEC. 4. If he makes a Foul Strike,

SEC. 5. If he attempts to hinder the Catcher from fielding or throwing the ball by stepping outside the lines of his position, or otherwise obstructing or interfering with the player.

SEC. 6. If, while the First Base be occupied by a base runner, three strikes be called on him by the Umpire, except when two men are already out.

SEC. 7. If, after two strikes have been called, the Batsman obviously attempts to make a foul hit, as in Rule 43, Section 3.

SEC. 8. If, while attempting a third strike, the ball touches any part of the Batsman's person, in which case base runners occupying bases shall return, as prescribed in Rule 49, Section 5.

SEC. 9. If he hits a fly ball that can be handled by an infielder while first and second bases are occupied, or first, second

and third, with only one out.

SEC. 10. If the third strike is called in accordance with Section 4, Rule 43, in such case the Umpire shall, as soon as the ball is hit, declare infield or outfield hit.

### BASE RUNNING RULES.

#### WHEN THE BATSMAN BECOMES A BASE RUNNER.

RULE 46. The Batsman becomes a Base Runner: SECTION I. Instantly after he makes a Fair Hit.

SEC. 2. Instantly after four balls have been called by the Umpire.

SEC. 3. Instantly after three strikes have been decided by

the Umpire.

SEC. 4. If while he be a Batsman, without making any attempt to sarike, his person—excepting hands or forearm, which makes the dead ball—or clothing be hit by a ball from the Pitcher; nless, in the opinion of the Umpire, he intentionally permits himself to be so hit.

SEC. 5. Instantly after an illegal delivery of a ball by the

Pitcher. BASES TO BE TOUCHED.

RULE 47. The Base Runner must touch each base in regular order, viz., First, Second, Third and Home Bases, and when obliged to return (except on a foul hit) must retouch the base or bases in reverse order. He shall only be considered as holding a base after touching it, and shall then be entitled to hold such base until he has legally touched the next base in order, or has been legally forced to vacate it for a succeeding Base Runner.

#### ENTITLED TO BASES.

RULE 48. The Base Runner shall be entitled, without being put out, to take the base in the following cases:

SECTION I. If, while he was Batsman, the Umpire called

four balls.

SEC. 2. If the Umpire awards a succeeding batsman a base on four balls, or for being hit with a pitched ball, or in case of an illegal delivery—as in Rule 46, Section 5—and the Base Runner is thereby forced to vacate the base held by him.

SEC. 3. If the Umpire calls a "balk."

Sec. 4. If a ball, delivered by the Pitcher, pass the Catcher and touch the Umpire, or any fence or building within ninety feet of the Home Base.

SEC. 5. If, upon a fair hit, the ball strikes the person or

clothing of the Umpire on fair ground.

SEC. 6. If he be prevented from making a base by the obstruction of an adversary,

SEC. 7. If the Fielder stop or catch a batted ball with his hat or any part of his dress.

### RETURNING TO BASES.

RULE 49. The Base Runner shall return to his base, and shall be entitled to so return without being put out:

SECTION I. If the Umpire declares a Foul Tip (as defined in Rule 39), or any other Foul Hit not legally caught by a fielder.

SEC. 2. If the Umpire declares a Foul Strike.

SEC. 3. If the Umpire declares a Dead Ball, unless it be also the fourth Unfair Ball and he be thereby forced to take the next base, as provided in Rule 48, Section 2.

SEC. 4. If the person or clothing of the Umpire interferes with the Catcher, or he is struck by a ball thrown by the Catcher

to intercept a Base Runner.

SEC. 5. The Base Runner shall return to his base, if, while attempting a strike, the ball touches any part of the Batsman's person.

WHEN BASE RUNNERS ARE OUT.

RULE 50. The Base Runner is out:

SECTION I. If, after three strikes have been declared against him while Batsman, and the Catcher fail to catch the third strike ball, he plainly attempts to hinder the Catcher from fielding the ball.

SEC. 2. If, having made a Fair IIit while Batsman, such fair hit ball be momentarily held by a Fielder, before touching the ground, or any object other than a Fielder: *Provided*, it be not

caught in a Fielder's hat or cap.

SEC. 3. If, when the Umpire has declared three strikes on him, while Batsman, the third strike ball be momentarily held by a Fielder before touching the ground: *Provided*, it be not caught in a Fielder's hat or cap, or touch some object other than a Fielder, before being caught.

SEC. 4. If, after Three Strikes or a Fair Hit, he be touched with the ball in the hand of a Fielder before he shall have

touched First Base.

SEC. 5. If, after Three Strikes or a Fair Hit, the ball be securely held by a Fielder, while touching First Base with any part of his person, before such Base Runner touches First Base.

SEC. 6. If, in running the last half of the distance from Home Base to First Base, while the ball is being fielded to First

Base, he runs outside the three-foot lines, as defined in Rule 7, unless to avoid a Fielder attempting to field a Batted Ball.

SEC. 7. If, in running from First to Second Base, from Second to Third Base, or from Third to Home Base, he runs more than three feet from a direct line between such bases, to avoid being touched by the ball in the hands of a Fielder; but in case a Fielder be occupying the Base Runner's proper path, in attempting to field a batted ball, then the Base Runner shall run out of the path, and behind said Fielder, and shall not be declared out for so doing.

SEC. 8. If he fails to avoid a Fielder attempting to field a batted ball, in the manner described in Sections 6 and 7 of this Rule; or if he in any way obstructs a Fielder attempting to field a batted ball, or intentionally interferes with a thrown ball: Provided, that if two or more Fielders attempt to field a batted ball, and the Base Runner comes in contact with one or more of them, the Umpire shall determine which Fielder is entitled to the benefit of this rule, and shall not decide the Base Runner out for coming in contact with any other fielder.

SEC. 9. If, at any time while the ball is in play, he be touched by the ball in the hands of a Fielder, unless some part of his person is touching a base he is entitled to occupy: Provided, the ball be held by the Fielder after touching him; but (exception as to First Base), in running to First Base he may overrun said base, without being put out for being off said base, after first touching it, provided he returns at once and retouches the base, after which he may be put out as at any other base. If, in overruning First Base, he also attempts to run to Second Base, or, after passing the base he turns to his left from the foul line, he shall forfeit such exemption from being put out.

SEC. 10. If, when a Fair or Foul Hit ball (other than a foul tip as referred to in Rule 39) is legally caught by a Fielder, such ball is legally held by a Fielder on the base occupied by the Base Runner when such ball was struck (or the Base Runner be touched with the ball in the hands of a Fielder), before he retouches said base after such Fair or Foul Hit ball was so caught: Provided, that the Base Runner shall not be out in such case, if, after the ball was legally caught as above, it be delivered to the bat by the Pitcher before the Fielder holds it on said base, or touches the Base Runner with it; but if the Base Runner in attempting to reach a base, detaches it before being touched or forced out, he shall be declared safe.

SEC. II. If, when a Batsman becomes a Base Runner, the First Base, or the First and Second Bases, or the First, Second and Third Bases, be occupied, any Base Runner so occupying a base shall cease to be entitled to hold it, until any following Base Runner is put out, and may be put out at the next base or by being touched by the ball in the hands of a Fielder in the same manner as in running to First Base, at any time before

any following Base Runner is put out.

Sec. 12. If a Fair Hit ball strike him before touching the Fielder, and in such case no base shall be run unless forced by the Batsman becoming a base runner, and no run shall be

scored; or any other Base Runner put out.

SEC. 13. If, when running to a base or forced to return to a base, he fail to touch the intervening base or bases, if any, in the order prescribed in Rule 47, he may be put out at the base he fails to touch, or being touched by the ball in the hands of a Fielder, in the same manner as in running to First Base: Provided, that the Base Runner shall not be out in such case if the ball be delivered to the bat by the Pitcher before the Fielder holds it on said base or touches the Base Runner with it.

SEC. 14. If, when the Umpire calls "Play," after any suspension of a game, he fails to return to and touch the base he occupied when "Time" was called before touching the next base: Provided, the Base Runner shall not be out in such case if the ball be delivered to the bat by the Pitcher before the Fielder holds it on said base or touches the Base Runner with it.

#### WHEN BATSMAN OR BASE RUNNER IS OUT.

RULE 51. The Umpire shall declare the Batsman or Base Runner out, without waiting for an appeal for such decision, in all cases where such player is put out in accordance with these rules, except as provided in Rule 50, Sections 10 and 14.

#### COACHING RULES.

Rule 52. The coachers shall be restricted to coaching the Base Runner only, and shall not be allowed to address any remarks except to the Base Runner, and then only in words of necessary direction; and shall not use language which will in any manner refer to or reflect upon a player of the opposing club, the Umpire or the spectators, and not more than two coachers, who may be one player participating in the game and any other player under contract to it, in the uniform of either club, shall be allowed at any one time. To enforce the above, the Captain of the opposite side may call the attention of the Umpire to the offence, and upon a repetition of the same, the offending player shall be debarred from further participation in the game and shall leave the playing field forthwith.

#### THE SCORING OF RUNS.

RULE 53. One run shall be scored every time a Base Runner, after having legally touched the first three bases, shall touch the Home Base before three men are put out by (exception). If the third man is forced out, or is put out before reaching First Base, a run shall not be scored.

### THE UMPIRE.

RULE 54. The Umpire shall not be changed during the progress of a game, except for reason of illness or injury.

HIS POWERS AND JURISDICTION.

RULE 55. SECTION I. The Umpire is master of the Field from the commencement to the termination of the game, and is entitled to the respect of the spectators, and any person offering any insult or indignity to him must be promptly ejected

from the grounds.

SEC. 2. He must be invariably addressed by the players as Mr. Umpire; and he must compel the players to observe the provisions of all the Playing Rules, and he is hereby invested with authority to order any player to do or omit to do any act as he may deem necessary, to give force and effect to any and all such provisions.

SPECIAL DUTIES.

RULE 56. The Umpire's duties shall be as follows:

SECTION I. The Umpire is the sole and absolute judge of play. In no instance shall any person, except the Captain of the competing teams, be allowed to address him or question his decisions, and they can only question him on an interpretation of the Rules. No Manager or any other officer of either club shall be permitted to go on the field or address the Umpire, under a penalty of a forfeiture of a game.

SEC. 2. Before the commencement of a Game, the Umpire shall see that the rules governing all the materials of the Game are strictly observed. He shall ask the Captain of the Home Club whether there are any special ground rules to be enforced, and if there are, he shall see that they are duly enforced, pro-

vided they do not conflict with any of these rules.

SEC. 3. The Umpire must keep the contesting nines playing constantly from the commencement of the game to its termination, allowing such delays only as are rendered unavoidable by accident, injury or rain. He must, until the completion of the game, require the players of each side to promptly take their positions in the field as soon as the third man is put out, and must require the first striker of the opposite side to be in his position at the bat as soon as the fielders are in their places.

SEC. 4. The Umpire shall count and call every "Unfair Ball" delivered by the Pitcher, and every "Dead Ball," if also an unfair ball, as a "Ball," and he shall count and call every "Strike." Neither a "Ball" nor a "Strike" shall be counted or called until the ball has passed the Home Base. He shall also declare every "Dead Ball," "Block," "Foul Hit," "Foul Strike," and "Balk," "Infield" or "Outfield Hit," as prescribed in Rule 45, Section 9.

### CALLING "PLAY" AND "TIME."

RULE 57. The Umpire must call "Play" promptly at the hour designated by the Home Club, and on the call of "Play" the game must immediately begin. When he calls "Time" play shall be suspended until he calls "Play" again, and during the interim no player shall be put out, base be run or run be scored. The Umpire shall suspend play only for an accident to himself or a player (but in case of accident to a Fielder "Time" shall not be called until the ball be returned to and held by the Pitcher, standing in his position), or in case rain falls so heavily that the spectators are compelled, by the severity of the storm, to seek shelter, in which case he shall note the time of suspension, and should such rain continue to fall thirty minutes thereafter, he shall terminate the game; or to enforce order in case of annoyance from spectators.

RULE 58. The Umpire is only allowed, by the Rules, to call "Time" in case of an accident to himself or a player, a "Block" as referred to in Rule 35, Section 3, or in case of rain, as defined

by the rule.

#### INFLICTING FINES.

RULE 59. The Umpire is empowered to inflict fines of not less than \$25.00, nor more than \$100.00, for the first offence, on players during the progress of a game, as follows:

SECTION I. For vulgar, indecent or other improper conduct

or language.

SEC. 2. For the Captain or Coacher wilfully failing to remain within the legal bounds of his position, except upon an appeal by the captain from the Umpire's decision upon a misinterpretation of the rules.

SEC. 3. For the disobedience by a player of any other of his

orders, or for any other violation of these rules.

SEC. 4. Immediately upon notification by the Umpire that a fine has been imposed upon any Manager, Captain or player, the Secretary shall forthwith notify the person so fined, and also the club of which he is a member, and in the event of the failure of the person so fined to pay to the Secretary the amount of said fine within five days of notice, he shall be debarred from participation in any championship game until such fine is paid.

SEC. 5. The Umpire may remove a player from the playing field for a violation of Section 1 of this rule, in addition to a fine, but under no circumstances shall he remove a player for a violation of Section 2 of this Rule, unless upon a repetition of

the offence prescribed therein.

### FIELD RULES.

RULE 60. No club shall allow open betting or pool-selling upon its ground, nor in any building owned or occupied by it.

RULE 61. No person shall be allowed upon any part of the field during the progress of the game in addition to the players in uniform, the Manager on each side and the Umpire; except such officers of the law as may be present in uniform, and such officials of the Home Club as may be necessary to preserve the peace.

RULE 62. No Umpire, Manager, Captain or player shall address the spectators during the progress of a game, except in

case of necessary explanation.

RULE 63. Every Club shall furnish sufficient police force upon its own grounds to preserve order, and in the event of a crowd entering the field during the progress of a game, and interfering with the play in any manner, the Visiting Club may refuse to play further until the field be cleared. If the ground be not cleared within fifteen minutes thereafter, the Visiting Club may claim, and shall be entitled to, the game by a score of nine runs to none (no matter what number of innings have been played).

GENERAL DEFINITIONS.

RULE 64. "Play" is the order of the Umpire to begin the

game, or to resume play after its suspension.

RULE 65. "Time" is the order of the Umpire to suspend play. Such suspension must not extend beyond the day of the game. RULE 66. "Game" is the announcement by the Umpire that the game is terminated.

RULE 67. An "Inning" is the term at bat of the nine players representing a Club in a game, and is completed when three of such players have been put out, as provided in these rules.

RULE 68. A "Time at Bat" is the term at bat of a Batsman. It begins when he takes his position, and continues until he is put out or becomes a base runner; except when, because of being hit by a pitched ball, or in case of an illegal delivery by the Pitcher, or in case of a sacrifice hit purposely made to the infield which, not being a base hit, advances a base runner without resulting in a put out, except to the Batsman, as in Rule 45.

RULE 69. "Legal" or "Legally" signifies as required by

these Rules.

#### SCORING.

RULE 70. In order to promote uniformity in scoring championship games the following instructions, suggestions and definitions are made for the benefit of scorers, and they are required to make all scores in accordance therewith.

#### BATTING.

SECTION I. The first item in the tabulated score, after the player's name and position, shall be the number of times he has been at bat during game. The time or times when the

player has been sent to base by being hit by a pitched ball, by the Pitcher's illegal delivery, or by a base on balls, shall not be included in this column.

SEC. 2. In the second column should be set down the runs made by each player.

SEC. 3. In the third column should be placed the first base hits made by each player. A base hit should be scored in the following cases:

When the ball from the bat strikes the ground within the

foul lines, and out of reach of the Fielders. When a hit ball is partially or wholly stopped by a Fielder

in motion, but such player cannot recover himself in time to handle the ball before the striker reaches First Base.

When a hit ball is hit so sharply to an infielder that he cannot handle it in time to put out the Batsman. In case of doubt over this class of hits, score a base hit, and exempt the Fielder from the charge of an error.

When a ball is hit so slowly toward a Fielder that he cannot

handle it in time to put out the Batsman.

That in all cases where a Base Runner is retired by being hit by a batted ball, the Batsman should be credited with a base hit, When a batted ball hits the person or clothing of the Umpire,

as defined in Rule 48, Section 5.

SEC. 4. In the fourth column shall be placed Sacrifice Hits, which shall be credited to the Batsman, who, when no one is out, or when but one man is out, advances a Runner a base by a bunt sacrifice hit, which results in putting out the Batsman, or would so result if the ball were handled without error.

#### FIELDING.

SEC. 5. The number of opponents put out by each player shall be set down in the fifth column. Where a Batsman is given out by the Umpire for a foul strike, or where the Batsman fails to bat in proper order, the put out shall be scored to the Catcher.

SEC. 6. The number of times the player assists shall be set down in the sixth column. An assist should be given to each player who handles the ball in assisting a run out or other play of the kind.

An assist should be given to a player who makes a play in time to put a Runner out, even if the player who could complete the play fails, through no fault of the player assisting.

And generally an assist should be given to each player who handles or assists in any manner in handling the ball from the time it leaves the bat until it reaches the player who makes the put out, or in case of a thrown ball, to each player who throws or handles it cleanly, and in such a way that a put out results, or would result if no error were made by the receiver.

#### ERRORS.

SEC. 7. An error shall be given in the seventh column for each misplay which allows the striker or base runner to make one or more bases when perfect play would have insured his being put out, except that "wild pitches," "base on balls," bases on the Batsman being struck by a "pitched ball," or in case of illegal pitched balls, balks and passed balls, shall not be included in said column. In scoring errors of batted balls see Section 3 of this Rule.

SEC. 8. Stolen Bases shall be scored as follows:

Any attempt to steal a base must go to the credit of the Base Runner, whether the ball is thrown wild or muffed by the fielder, but any manifest error is to be charged to the fielder making the same. If the Base Runner advances another base he shall not be credited with a stolen base, and the fielder allowing the advancement is also to be charged with an error. If the Base Runner makes a start and a battery error is made, the runner secures the credit of a stolen base, and the battery error is scored against the player making it. Should a Base Runner overrun a base and then be put out, he shall receive the credit for the stolen base. If a Base Runner advances a base on a fly out, or gains two bases on a single base hit, or an infield out, or attempted out, he shall be credited with a stolen base, provided there is a possible chance and a palpable attempt made to retire him. EARNED RUNS.

SEC. 9. An earned run shall be scored every time the player reaches the home base unaided by errors before chances have been offered to retire the side.

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RULE 71. The Summary shall contain:

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## Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE AND AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL BASE BALL CLUBS HELD AT THE FIFTH AVENUE HOTEL, NEW YORK CITY, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1894.

Meeting called to order at 10.20 o'clock A. M.

Present:

N. E. Young, Chairman; Messrs. Brush, Soden, Talcott, Byrne, Kerr and Hart, Directors.

The Secretary presented a tabular statement of championship games won and lost during the season of 1894. On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Baltimore Base Ball Club, of Baltimore, Md., having won the greatest percentage of games in the championship series, is hereby awarded the base ball championship of the United States for the year 1894.

The report of the Treasurer was received and accepted.

The communication of Mr. Lynch was referred to the Treasurer with full power to act.

Mr. N. E. Young was re-elected Secretary for three years, at his present salary.

In the matter of the appeal of the Washington Club vs. St. Louis, on motion said appeal was laid upon the table.

On motion adjourned, subject to be reconvened by the Chairman,

N. E. YOUNG, Chairman.

A. H. SODEN,
JOHN T. BRUSH,
C. H. BYRNE,
JAMES A, HART,

## **Annual Meeting of National League.**

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE AND AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL BASE BALL CLUBS HELD

AT THE FIFTH AVENUE HOTEL, NEW YORK, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1894.

Meeting called to order at 1.35 P. M.

Present:

A. H. Soden and W. A. Conant, representing the Boston Base Ball Association.

C. Von der Ahe, representing the St. Louis Base Ball Association.

E. B. Talcott and C. C. Van Cott, representing the National Exhibition Company.

W. W. Kerr and P. L. Auten, representing the Pittsburg Athletic Company.

F. De H. Robison, representing the Cleveland Base Ball Company.

J. George Ruckstuhl, representing the Louisville Base Ball Company.

H. R. Von der Horst and Edward Hanlon, representing the Baltimore Base Ball and Exhibition Company.

John J. Rogers and A. J. Reach, representing the Philadelphia Ball Club.

C. H. Byrne and F. A. Abell, representing the Brooklyn Base Ball Club.

J. T. Brush and N. A. Lloyd, representing the Cincinnati Base Ball Club.

G. W. Wagner and J. Earle Wagner, representing the National Washington Base Ball Club.

James A. Hart, representing the Chicago Ball Club.

On motion the reading of minutes of previous meetings was dispensed with.

The report of the Board of Directors was received and accepted.

The following amendments were made to the League Constitution. (See Constitution.)

Messrs. Hanlon, Robison and Hart were appointed a Committee on Rules.

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1894.

Meeting called to order at 11.45 A. M.

The following named gentlemen were appointed a Committee on Rules, viz.: Edward Hanlon, F. De H. Robison and James A. Hart.

It was unanimously agreed that when this meeting adjourns it adjourns to meet at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, in New York City, on last Wednesday in February, 1895, at 12 o'clock noon.

On motion a committee of three was appointed, consisting of John T. Brush, F. De H. Robison and John I. Rogers, to consider and report upon the agreement with Philadelphia.

Mr. N. E. Young was re-elected President for three years, with same salary.

The following named gentlemen were selected as Directors for the ensuing year, viz.: A. H. Soden, C. H. Byrne, James A. Hart, John T. Brush, Chris Von der Ahe and H. R. Von der Horst.

The following named gentlemen were elected members of the National Board: A. H. Soden, C. H. Byrne, N. E. Young.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Rules be instructed to report at the Spring meeting such amendments as may be necessary to compel the umpire to enforce the Playing Rules, particularly those prohibiting noisy coaching or rowdy or disorderly conduct on the ball field.

Resolved, That the special agreement with the Philadelphia Ball Club, relating to the division of gate receipts and grand stand admissions, dated February 27, 1894, be suspended for four years from this date, and, in lieu thereof, the division of gate receipts prevailing in 1893 be substituted during said four years.

On motion the annual passes were renewed for 1895, and, in lieu of cards, coupon books substituted.

Mr. Harry Wright was elected chief of the staff of Umpires for one year, with same salary.

Mr. Henry Chadwick was unanimously elected an Honorary Member, and a committee, consisting of Messrs. Byrne, Young, and Reach, was appointed to draw up suitable resolutions (the same to be engrossed). The following is the motion as presented:

On motion of Mr. C. H. Byrne, of the Brooklyn club, Mr. Henry Chadwick, in consideration of his long and faithful service in behalf of promoting and developing base ball as the National game, and as a recognition of the service this League owes to the Press of the country, was unanimously elected an Honorary Member of the National League and American Association of Professional Base Ball Clubs.

Adjourned to meet at 10 A. M. on the following day.

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1894.

Meeting called to order at 10.30 A. M.

On motion, a committee of five was appointed to prepare an address in relation to the so-called new American Association, who after due and careful consideration and deliberation, submitted the following report:

TO THE NATIONAL BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL BASE BALL ASSOCIATIONS:

From the year 1876, when base ball was established in this country on a room the year 1970, when base ball was catabilistic in this country on a substantial and responsible basis by the disbandment of the so-called National Association of Professional Base Ball Clubs and the organization of the National League of Professional Base Ball Clubs, down to the present time, the duty has been imposed upon some body or organization to uphold and enforce the objects for which base ball was established, to wit

First-To perpetuate base ball as the national game of the United States, and to surround it with such safeguards as to warrant for the future absolute

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Second—To protect and promote the mutual interests of professional base ball clubs and professional base ball players.

The National League formed in 1876 found a difficult task before it in

undertaking to carry out the objects above referred to. Interest in base ball was at low ebb. Gamblers were in possession. The game was without discipline, organization or legitimate control. The sport was conducted with dishonest methods and for dishonest purposes, and had neither the respect nor confidence of the press or public. Heroic methods were absolutely necessary. At a meeting of the National League, held in Cleveland December 5, 1877, the League directors unanimously ratified the action of the Louisville club in expelling from the professional ranks James A. Devlin, W. H. Craver, A. H. Nichols and G. W. Hall "for conduct in contravention of the

object of the League."

These men had been charged with and convicted of wilfully selling a game base ball. At first the action of the League in taking such an extreme course was strongly denounced. The League, however, foresaw that any condonation of fraud or crookedness meant death to the national game and remained firm in its position. Public opinion soon turned, and to-day it is universally conceded that the course then taken did more to establish the honesty and integrity of base ball than any action taken or legislation since enacted. From that day to this no charge of crookedness or dishonesty has has been made against a professional ball player. Repeated attempts have been made to reinstate these men or those of them now living, but their

expulsion was final and irrevocable.

That the League was earnest in its efforts to purify the game was further demonstrated by its action taken at a special meeting held at the Russell House, Detroit, Mich., on June 24, 1882, when Richard Higham, a League umpire, was, upon charges preferred by the Detroit club, expelled for "crooked" work as an umpire. From that day to this no such charge has ever been made against an official umpire. The rapid increase in the compensation of ball players soon opened up another avenue of trouble for the League, which needed and received prompt attention. This was flagrant and open dissipation in the ranks at home and abroad. While this was confined comparatively to a few men, the innocent suffered largely from it, and the National League was brought into disrepute. Heroic measures were again adopted, and several players, were indefinitely suspended, with excellent effect. It is safe to say that to'day there is less dissipation and drunkenness in the ranks of professional ball players in proportion to their number than in any other organized or unorganized body in this country identified with outdoor sports.

The success achieved by the National League in its efforts to develop base ball as the national game became apparent in its rapid growth in popular favor, and the establishment of clubs and associations throughout the various States. It became evident soon that something must be done to foster and protect the rights and interests of these various bodies, and "that there was a recognized need of some central power in base ball to govern all associations, by an equitable code of general laws, to put the game on a prosperous and

lasting basis."

To accomplish this purpose a meeting was held in the Fifth Avenue Hotel, New York, February 17, 1883, at which delegates were present representing the National League, the American Association and the Northwestern League. At that meeting the so-called Tripartite Agreement was drawn up and agreed to, which substantially was an offensive and defensive alliance, embodying a mutual respect of all contracts and other obligations, and all rights of the parties to the agreement to territorial rights, players under con-

tract or held under reserve.

The adoption of this tripartite agreement opened a new era in base ball, and it was so readily recognized as being a step in the line of progress that when the committee which drew up the agreement was called together in New York city in October, 1883, they decided to call the instrument they had framed the National Agreement of Professional Base Ball Clubs, the purpose being to open the door to all clubs, leagues and associations desiring to live under the conditions, rules and regulations of the agreement. Immediately several leagues and associations applied for the protection assured them, and

readily pledged themselves to abide by the requirements designated in the agreement.

The action of the committee in framing the new national agreement was subsequently ratified by the signatures of the Presidents of the parties thereto, viz.:

The National League of Professional Base Ball Clubs, A. G. Mills, President, November 22, 1883.

The American Association of Base Ball Clubs, H. D. McKnight, President, December 13, 1883.

The Northwestern League of Professional Base Ball Clubs, Elias Mather, President, January 10, 1884.

The Eastern League of Professional Base Ball Clubs, William C. Sedden, President, February 19, 1884.

The fundamental principle of the national agreement as originally drawn, and which is now in operation, is a respect for territorial rights. This, in fact, is the corner stone of the structure.

It contemplates and provides for the organization of cities into leagues or associations, with one club, and one only, in each city, and a contest between the respective cities for championship honors. The interest which base ball arouses in any city is based absolutely on local pride. The essence of value to a championship is entirely to the city to which the victorious club belongs.

Experience has demonstrated that whenever and wherever territorial rights have been invaded and rival clubs established, the element of local pride is absent and interest in both destroyed. It is this which makes a respect for territorial rights a principle which we must uphold.

It is true, nevertheless, and we so declare that we will gladly welcome and shall encourage the formation of leagues and associations who desire to operate under the national agreement, and consent to abide by the fundamental principles of that document.

Reference has been made above to the difficulties and the obstacles which at times have presented themselves and which have been by severe but just methods removed.

To-day the future of base ball is confronted by a new condition, a condition which in every particular is as harmful and in many respects far more dangerous than open dishonesty or flagrant dissipation. That is, treachery within the lines. To-day, and for months past we have had men identified with professional base ball who for years have been the beneficiaries of the game, have received liberal compensation for the work they have done, earned their livelihood entirely and absolutely from the opportunities afforded them by clubs and organizations operating under the national agreement, and we find and now know that these men, during this time, have persistently been identifying themselves with schemes and combinations the objects and sole purposes of which are to weaken and perhaps destroy the splendid fabric of our national game, which it has taken years of effort, anxiety and large outlay of capital to construct.

To-day we have the confidence of the public and the press of the country in the methods and the integrity of base ball in larger measure than at any prior period in the history of our national game. It devolves upon us to continue to deserve and retain this confidence. We must endeavor to do it. The interests of clubs and professional ball players are identical. One can-

The interests of clubs and professional ball players are identical. One cannot succeed without the other. Success means mutual benefit. The moment any suspicion attaches to base ball, public confidence lost or even chilled, the occupation of the ball player is gone. We must all stand or fall together. There is no middle ground. We stand by the fundamental law, our national agreement, which guarantees protection to players as well as to clubs, or we destroy it. One road leads to the perpetuation of the national game, the other to its decline. There should be no place, no standing room in base ball for any anarchistic element which never aids in building up but is ever ready to destroy.

The time has come when some action should be taken to place this element without the pale of our ranks.

The National Board, operating under the national agreement, was created to protect and guard the interests of all players, clubs and associations identified with the agreement. Any attempt to encroach upon that, to nullify or affect any of its provisions, is of direct and material concern to all alike.

The obligations of contracts, the right of reserve, and the territorial rights of clubs, associations and leagues must be upheld, and shall be, at any cost. It is a matter of public rumor and is also a fact which has come to our knowledge that men identified with clubs, members of the national agreement, have been co-operating in the formation of clubs or organizations whose purpose is to conflict with the national agreement. In view of this knowledge, the National League and American Association of Professional Clubs in convention assembled respectfully suggests to and requests the National Board to declare A. C. Buckenberger, William Barnie and Fred Pfeffer ineligible to be employed either as manager or player or in any capacity whatever, by any club or organization operating under the national agreement, and they be forthwith suspended. Such suspension to remain in force until such time as they or either of them can satisfy the National Board that they have in no way been engaged directly or indirectly in the organization of any club, league or association formed or to be formed in conflict with the principles of the national agreement. And in the event of their failure to relieve themselves from this suspension within such time as your Board may direct, they shall be expelled and forever debarred from any connection with clubs or organizations identified with the National Agreement of Professional Base Ball Clubs.

We furthermore request that your Board take like action in the case of any player, manager, umpire or club official who in the future identifies himself

with a similar movement.

C. H. BYRNE, J. T. BRUSH, JAMES A. HART, H. R. VON DER HORST, N. E. YOUNG.

The above address was submitted to the National League at its annual meeting, fully discussed and unanimously adopted.

Appended is the decision of the National Board:

To all National Agreement Clubs, Leagues and Associations: At a meeting of the National Board of Professional Base Ball Clubs, held in New York city November 16, 1894, a communication was received from the National League and American Association of Professional Base Ball Clubs, in convention assembled, requesting this Board to take action in the case of certain individuals heretofore identified with clubs operating under the national agreement who have been charged with treachery to their employers and the organizations with which they have been identified. The request, \$3 presented, was supplemented by an appeal from the executive officers of the Eastern League of Base Ball Clubs and the Western League of Base Ball Clubs to take such action as was proper to protect said leagues in the rights assured them under the national agreement.

After mature consideration, and governed absolutely by a desire to comply with the letter and spirit of the requests made to this Board, and having reasonable and substantial evidence upon which to base our action.

This Board has decided to announce, and it does declare that A. C. Buckenberger, William Barnie and Fred Pfeffer are ineligible to be employed either as manager, player or in any other capacity by any club or organiza-tion identified with the national agreement, and said persons are hereby declared suspended.

This Board further declares that such suspension shall remain in force up to and including December 31, 1894, and in the event of the failure of the above named persons, or either of them, on or before the above named date, to show to this Board that he or they have been in no manner, directly or indirectly, engaged in any attempt to promote the organization of clubs, leagues or associations antagonistic to the national agreement, they shall be expelled and forever debarred from any connection with clubs or organized bodies operating under the national agreement.

N. E. YOUNG, A. H. SODEN, C. H. BYRNE.

The foregoing action was partially caused by the following communication:

TO THE NATIONAL LEAGUE AND AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL

BASE BALL CLUBS.

Gentlemen: We the representatives of the undersigned leagues, operating under the National Agreement of Professional Base Ball Clubs, respectfully submit the following: Your body is the recognized major base ball organization of the country, and have sole right to elect the National Board and control all bodies identified with the agreement.

It has been made known to us, and we have good and substantial reasons for believing that such knowledge is correct, that a new organization of base

It has been made known to us, and we have good and substantial reasons for believing that such knowledge is correct, that a new organization of base ball clubs is contemplated, which, of necessity, must operate without the pale of the national agreement. It appears also that it is the purpose of the new association, if it materializes, to attempt to take from our respective organizations and clubs players now held by us under the right of reservation accorded us by the national agreement. We therefore request that you, as a body, take some action to protect us, so far as possible, against all outside organizations. We trust you will give this immediate attention, and we await your action.

Respectfully,

B. B. JOHNSON, Sec. Western League, P. B. B. C. P. T. POWERS, Pres. Eastern League.

## The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the National League and American Association of Professional Base Ball Clubs has heard with sincere regret of the death of Peter J. Donohue. For many years this able gentleman and congenial friend has been known to all identified with this organization as an earnest friend and supporter of base ball, an able writer in its behalf, at times a severe critic, but always fair, just and true. We desire therefore as a body to place on record the fact that in the death of Mr. Peter J. Donohue base ball, and all other manly sports, have lost an able advocate and a loyal friend. We hereby extend to the good mother and sisters he has left behind, our sincere condolence for the affliction with which they have been visited.

On motion, the present arrangement as to free passes was continued for one year.

On motion, the vote on the issuance of coupon books was reconsidered, and the same form of ticket as was used in 1894 adopted, the number being reduced to ten to each club, including same number to the President.

On motion, the communication of Messrs. Powers and Johnson was received and ordered placed on file.

On motion, the contract with the Sporting Life Publishing Company was annulled or abrogated and the Secretary was instructed not to furnish any more advertising matter.

On motion adjourned.

N. E. YOUNG,

President and Secretary.

RECONVENED ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE AND AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL BASE BALL CLUBS, HELD AT THE FIFTH AVENUE HOTEL, NEW YORK CITY, FEBRUARY 27.

Meeting called to order at I P. M.

Present:

A. H. Soden and W. H. Conant, representing the Boston Base Ball Association.

Chris Von der Ahe, representing the St. Louis Base Ball Association.

Andrew Freedman and J. W. Spalding, representing the National Exhibition Company.

W. W. Kerr, representing the Pittsburg Athletic Company. Edward Hanlon, representing the Baltimore Base Ball and Exhibition Company.

Dr. Thomas Hunt Stucky, representing the Louisville Base Ball Company.

A. J. Reach and John I. Rogers, representing the Philadelphia Ball Club.

James A. Hart, representing the Chicago League Ball Club. F. A. Abell and Charles H. Byrne, representing the Brooklyn Base Ball Club.

John T. Brush, representing the Cincinnati Base Ball Club. George W. Wagner and J. Earle Wagner, representing the National Washington Base Ball Club.

On motion the reading of minutes of previous meeting was dispensed with.

The Playing Rules Committee submitted their report, and the rules, as amended, were adopted as follows (see Playing Rules).

The following agreement was unanimously adopted and signed by every League club:

We, the undersigned, members of the National League and American Association of Professional Base Ball Clubs, hereby covenant, promise and agree, each with each other, that we will not, directly or indirectly, relieve or indemnify any of our respective players from the full penalty of fines that may be inflicted by the President or Secretary of the League under the League constitution, or by any Umpire under the playing rules of the League; and that such fines shall be charged to and deducted from the

salaries due said players and never thereafter refunded to them, directly or indirectly, in the form of bonus, gift, increase of salary, or otherwise. A violation of this agreement shall forfeit to the League treasury from the undersigned club member in default a sum equivalent to ten times the fine or fines imposed upon players in the manner aforesaid, and assumed or paid directly of indirectly by the club member or members holding contract or contracts with such player or players. Such violation of this agreement shall be ascertained and decided by the Board of Directors of the League in the same manner and under the same rules and regulations prescribed in the League constitution for their investigation and hearing.

The Secretary presented the following petition from Mr. Fred Pfeffer, asking for reinstatement:

N. E. Young, Esq.:

DEAR SIR: I respectfully petition the National League through you to recommend to the National Board the removal of my disabilities and that I be restored to good standing in said League. I am willing, personally or by the President of the Louisville Base Ball Company, to appear before your honorable body at any time you may name, and I hereby pledge my allegiance to the national agreement. Very respectfully, FEBRUARY 27, 1895.

On motion Messrs. Brush, Hart and Freedman were appointed a committee to consider the petition of Mr, Pfeffer.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That it is with sincere regret that the delegates to this meeting of the National League and American Association of Professional Base Ball Clubs find that they have been deprived of the presence of Mr. Frank De Hass Robison, President of the Cleveland Base Ball Club, to take part in our proceedings. His absence has been occasioned by the death of his father, and this body desires to extend to President Robison its sympathy and condolence in this day of deep affliction,

On motion adjourned to meet on the following day.

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1895.

Meeting called to order at 1.35 P.M.

The communication of Mr. E. Kreusler, requesting that the League send a team to Australia at the close of the present season, was referred to a committee, consisting of Messrs. Hart, Byrne and Freedman, with instructions to report at the next meeting as to the practicability and advisability of complying with their request.

The committee appointed to consider the appeal of Mr. Pffeffer: After a protracted and lengthy discussion, the following decision was agreed to, and the National Board directed to formulate a decision in accordance therewith as follows:

At a meeting of the National League held in New York February 28, 1895, a recommendation was presented to this Board by the League, requesting the Board to remove the decree of ineligibility imposed on Fred Pfeffer by the Board at a meeting held in New York December 22, 1894. The recommendation was accompanied by a written request from Pfeffer, which re-

spectfully asks for a hearing before the National League and for a removal of his disability, and also pledging his allegiance for the future to the national agreement, and a suggestion to this Board that Pfeffer be reinstated as an eligible ball player, and the terms and conditions on which such reinstatement should be based. This Board in compliance with such recommendation and holding in great respect the large number of petitions and personal appeals made in Pfeffer's behalf, has by a unanimous vote agreed to remove the disability imposed on Pfeffer upon the following conditions:

This Board, in removing the disability of Pfeffer, assigns him to the Louisville club for the season of 1895, and he will during the said season, be ineligible to play with any club of any League or Association under the national agreement except the said Louisville club. Pfeffer is also required to pay to the Secretary of the National League the sum of \$500, said amount to be paid in semi-monthly instalments during the playing season of 1895. Any failure to comply with this requirement will render Pfeffer ineligible to play with said Louisville club, notice of such ineligibility to be promulgated at the discretion of the Chairman of this Board.

N. E. Young, Chairman; C. H. Byrne, A. H. Soden.

The Schedule Committee submitted his report, which was agreed to.

No further business appearing, on motion adjourned.

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## LEAGUE OFFICIAL AVERAGES FOR 1894.

The following tables are those made up by Secretary N. E. Young, of the National League, and they present the best analysis of the season's play in the League championship series. It will be seen that the batting record given below places Duffy, of the Bostons, in the lead (percentage .438), with four Philadelphians, Turner, Thompson, Delehanty and Hamilton following in the order named. Anson was in his old-time form during last season and was sixth with a percentage of .394. Stratton led the pitchers, with a percentage of .931; Zimmer, the catchers, with .931; Motz, the first basemen, with .995, Anson being second with .988; Reitz, the second basemen, with .966; Nash, the third basemen, with .932; Glasscock, the short stops, with .934, and Dungan, the outfielders, with .970.

## Batting Record

OF PLAYERS WHO HAVE TAKEN PART IN FIFTEEN OR MORE CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES—SEASON OF 1894.

Name.	CLUB.	Games.	At Bat.	Runs.	1st Bases.	Per cent.	T. B.	S. H.	S, B.
Duffy	Boston	194	539	160	236	.438	372	10	49
Turner			347		147	.423	187		12
Thompson						.403	314		29
Delehanty				149		.400	283		29
Hamilton						.398			99
Anson			347		137	.394	188		17
Kelley				167		.391	304		45
Cross				128		.388			28
Tenny			80	21	31	.387	43	2	7
Holliday					199	.383	297		39
Brodie				132		.369	269		50
Doyle		105	425	94	157	.369	216		48
Keeler		128	593	164	218	.367	305		30
Griffin		106	405	123	148	.365	209		48
Childs				144	174	.365			20
Grady		50	187	45	68	.363	100		3
Dahlen		121	508	150	184	.362	289		49
Ryan		108	481	133	173	.359	233		12
Burns				107	184	.358	261		29
Burkett	. Cleveland	124	518	134	185	357	267		32
McKean	. Cleveland	130	561	115	199	.354	281		32
Smith		125	497	129	175	.352	267	10	37
Stenzel						.351	303		60
Earle	. Brooklyn and Louisville	33	114	23	40	.350	47	4	5
Stratton		83	134	39	47	.350	77		8
McCarthy		126	536	118	187	.349	266	9	40
Nicol		28	112	12	39	.348	53	1	5
Robinson	. Baltimore	106	420	71	146	.348	182	11	13
Davis	New York	124	492	124	170	.345		9	37
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Brouthers	Baltimore	123	528	137	182	.344	287	18	40
	Washington	98	357	103	124	.344	230	5	23
Joyce			534	122	184		284	22	20
Beckley	Pittsburgh	47	172	26	59	.343	85	3	4
Clements	Philadelphia				23				5
Mullane	Baltimore and Cleveland	18	67	3		.343	27	1	2
Gleason	Baltimore and St. Louis	31	111	24	38	.342	55	4	1
Miller	St. Louis	125	480	93	164	.341	223		20
	Boston	133	615	585	210	.341	323	9	25
Lowe	Baltimore		515	115	175	.340	221	14	77
McGraw		123	494	135	167		237		53
Daly	Brooklyn.								
Inks	Baltimore and Louisville	24	89	12	27	.337	30	1	1
Sullivan	Wash'gton and Phil'delphia	93	374	72	126	337	166	7	15
Connaughton	Boston	38	166	38	56	.337	76	1	2
	Boston	127	496	130	167	.336	257	6	42
Bannon		57	244	56	82	.336	133	3	4
Stivetts	Boston	122	482	124	162	.336	254	12	29
Treadway	Brooklyn								
Sugden	Pittsburgh		141	24	47	.333	70	6	3
Van Haltren	New York	139	531	110	177	.333	231		44
	Baltimore	128	505	136	168	.332	246	18	36
Jennings	Philadelphia	34	145	21	48	.331	63	0	3
Taylor			606	137	201	331	294	14	76
Wilmot	Chicago		258	47	85	.329	129		25
La Chance	Brooklyn	65							
Wilson	New York	45	179	37	59	.329	77	2	9
Parrott	Cincinnati	59	228	50	75	.329	126	1	5
Tucker	Boston	122	503	112	165	.328	212	2	19
	Philadelphia	119	519	111	170	.327	207	22	27
Hallman			493	106	161		243		15
Hassamer	Washington	112	447	87	145	.324	199	4	71
Lange	Chicago								
Long	Boston	103	475	136	154	.324	240		25
Terry	Chicago	25	96	19	31	.323	39	0	3
Hutchinson	Chicago	34	133	28	43	.323	64	2	1
	Cincinnati	128	481	113	154	.320	230	6	31
McPhee	Brooklyn	63	237	46	76	.320	94	8	18
Shock	Cl 1		324	67	105	.320	146		13
O'Connor	Cleveland	129		95	166	.318	243		30
Abbey	Washington								
Kittredge	Chicago		167	36	53	.317	65	5	2
Twineham	St. Louis	31	127	22	40	.314	50	1	2
	New York and St. Louis	121	462	93	145	.313	253	6	15
Connor	Cincinnati	130	532	132	167	.313	233	11	62
Latham			506	118	158	.312	241	11	30
Hoy	Cincinnati		186	41	58	311	82		12
Hartman	Pittsburgh				1000				
Lyons	Pittsburgh		254	51	79	.311	113		17
Foutz	Brooklyn	73	206	41	92	.310	126		16
	Chicago	89	391	76	121	.309	177		22
Decker	Cincinnati	67	275	48	85	.309	145	2	6
Vaughn			372	70	115	.309	188	3	23
Selbach	Washington			5	23	.306	25	1	2
Stockdale	Washington	19	75						
Donovan	Pittsburgh	133		146	176	.306	230	26	
Reitz.	Baltimore	109			138	306	226	3	18
	St. Louis	127	508	85	155	305	237		23
Ely	Cleveland	119		79	158	.305	200	9	27
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Chamberlain	Cincinnati	20	69	10	21	.304	36	3	1
Ward	Washington		343	85	104	:303	136	5	36
Gumbert	Pittsburgh	33	112	18	34	.303	52	1	1
Corcoran	Brooklyn	129	573	124	173	:302	251	10	33
Irwin	Chicago	130	503	85	152	.302	220	4	34
Bierbauer	Pittsburgh	131	527	88	159	.301	217	20	20
Anderson	Brooklyn	16	65	13	19	.301	29	1	7
Bonner	Baltimore	27	113	26	34	.301	46	2	11
				12			37	5	2
Hawke	Baltimore	25	93		28	.301			
German	New York	19	60	8	18	.300	19	2	1
Merritt	Boston and Cincinnati	66	243	38	73	.300	100	1	5
Shindle	Brooklyn	117	476	96	143	.300	201	17	18
Kennedy	Brooklyn	42	160	22	48	.300	61	6	5
Burke	New York	138	575	124	172	.299	225	10	47
Cooley	St. Louis	52	207	35	62	.299	71	6	.8
Kinslow	Brooklyn	61	221	38	66	:298	91	2	6
McAleer	Cleveland		251	36	75	.298	-99	5	17
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Pfeffer	Louisville	101	420	66	125	.297	182		33
Flaherty	Louisville	38	149	15	44	.295	55	1	2
Dungan	Louisville and Chicago	18	71	11	20	.295	23	1	3
Mercer	Washington	43	163	29	48	.294	61	1	10
Nash	Boston	132	510	132	150	.294	212	3	19
Canavan	Cincinnati	100	362	81	106	.293	201	5	15
Lake	Louisville	-16	41	8	12	.202	18	0	2
Cartwright	Washington	132	509	86	149		238	3	35
Boyle	Philadelphia	116	512	103	150	.291	203		22/
Grimm	Louisville	107	413	65	120	.290			14
Smith	Louisville	39	135	27	39	.288	56	1	
Blake	Cleveland		300	51	86	.286		10	1
McMahon	Baltimore			17		.286		8	1
		34	129		37		46		
Shugart	Pittsburgh		533	103	152	.285	236	13	23
Knell	Louisville	31	119	10	34	.285	47	1	2
Zimmer	Cleveland		340	55	97	.285	141	2	15
Fuller	New York		378	82	107	.283	138	0	34
Glasscock	Pittsburgh	86	332	47	94	.283	123	13	20
Nichols	Boston	45	170	40	48	.282	64	2	1
Tiernan	New York	112	429	87	121	.282	184	6	26
Farrell	New York	112	404	50	114	.282	175	3	10
Meekin	New York		174	26	49	.281	80	1	4
Ganzel	Boston		266	52	74	.278	98	4	î
Carsey	Philadelphia		126	31	35	.277	40	1	3
Rusie	New York			20	51	.275	74	2	4
Shiebeck	Pittsburgh and Washington.								
		75		69	81	.275	102	1	19
Clark	Louisville		316	55	87	.275	132	1	24
Peitz	St. Louis		364	62	100	.274	150	7	17
Quinn	St. Louis	106		58	113	.274	14%	13	26
Denny	Louisville	60	222	26	61	.274	87	6	10
Hawley	St. Louis	43	161	16	44	.273	68	5	1
Reilly	Philadelphia	36		21	37	.272	42	1	6
O'Rourke	Louisville and St. Louis		316	60	86	.272	106	6	11
McGarr	Cleveland	127		94	142	.272	185	5	34
Murphy	New York		284	65		.271	89		25
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#### Fielding Record, 1894.

FIRST BASEMEN.

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Rank.	Name.	CLUB.	Games.	Put Outs.	Assists.	Errors.	Total Chances.	Per cent.
- 1	Motz	Cincinnati	18	185	18	1	204	.995
2	Anson	Chicago	83	748	45	9	802	.988
3	Tucker	Boston	122	1114	70	19	1203	.984
4	O. Tebeau	Cleveland	107	1025	47	18	1090	.983
5	Boyle	Philadelphia	116	983	64	20	1067	.981
0	( Vaughn	Cincinnati	19	186	11	4	201	.980
6	Cartright	Washington	132	1227	72	36	1335	.980
7	Foutz	Brooklyn	73	659	36	15	710	.979
	Beckley	Pittsburgh	132	1236	82	31	1349	.977
8	1 La Chance	Brooklyn	56	503	13	12	528	.977
9	Connor	New York and St. Louis	120	1084	81	28	1193	.976
9	1 Decker	Chicago	48	433	16	11	460	.976
40	Lutenburg	Louisville	68	595	34	16	645	.975
10	Brouthers	Baltimore	123	1180	65	31	1276	.975
	Comiskey	Cincinnati	59	558	26	16	600	.973
11	O'Rourke	Louisville, Wash., St. L	30		22	8	300	.973
40		New York	99	987	60	33	1080	.969
12	McCarthy	Cincinnati	15	146	13	5	164	.969
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Quinn	St. Louis	106	344 342 33	719 .954
McPhee	Cincinnati	128	391 449 53	893 .940
Pfeffer	Louisville	89	264 283 35	582 .939
Bierbauer	Pittsburgh	131	308 462 52	822 .936
Hallman	Philadelphia	119	314 342 47	703 .933
			354 411 57	822 .930
Parrott	Chicago	125	291 384 52	727 .928
Childs	Cleveland	117	308 380 56	744 .924
			332 455 67	854 .921
Grimm	Louisville	24	59 75 12	146 .918
			175 237 40	452 .911
Bonner	Baltimore	24	. 57 54 10	121 .909
Daly	Brooklyn	123	320 358 74	752 .901
Radford	Washington	. 24	62 60 14	136 .897
Miller	St. Louis	18	31 49 11	91 .879
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1 Nash	Boston	132	199 271 34	504 .932
2 McGarr	Cleveland	127	171 246 35	452 .922
3 Cross	Philadelphia	100	177 240 40	457 .97
4 Davis	New York	124	154 251 40	445 .916
5 Dahlen	Chicago	55	95 127 23	245 .906
6 Lyons	Pittsburgh	72	120 158 30	308 909
7 Peitz	St. Louis	43	61 69 15	145 898
8 McGraw	Baltimore	117	130 246 44	420 895

#### THIRD BASEMEN—Continued.

Name.	CLUB.	Games,	Put Outs.	Assists.	Errors.	Total Chances.	Per cent.
10 Reilly	Philadelphia. Louisville. Pittsburgh Washington	117 27 88 49 30 120	35 43 65 64	202 55 75 96 79 256	12 16 23 21	102 184 184	.101 .182 .550 .175 .8.2
15 Denny 16 Joyce	Louisville	(3) (8) (8) (8) (8) (8) (8) (8) (9) (9) (9) (9) (9) (9) (9) (9) (9) (9	81 151 71	124 184 97 125 61	32 52 33 43	240 387 201 258 141	.806 .805 .805 .803 .829

#### SHORT STOPS.

1 Glasscock	Pittsburgh	86	195 300 35	5301.934
	Baltimore		307 497 62	866 .928
	Louisville	107	236 363 50	640 .923
4 \ Smith	. Cincinnati	128	234 523 72	820 .913
Corcoran	Brooklyn	129	282 446 39	797 .913
5 McKean	Cleveland	130	278 401 66	745 .911
	Philadelphia	40	93 130 23	246 .907
	. Boston		60 105 18	183 .901
8 Ely	St. Louis	127	279 444 82	805 .808
9 Dahlen	Chicago	66	191 257 52	500 .896
10 Long	Boston	99	223 371 71	665 .893
Sullivan	. Washington and Phila	83	199 232 52	483 .892
11 ) Irwin	Chicago	62	122 219 41	382 .892
12 Murphy		48	112 148 34	204 .884
13 Shiebeck		62	130 230 48	408 .882
14 Fuller	New York	91	211 309 71	591 .879
15 Pfeffer	Louisville	15	30 63 13	106 .877
16 Radford	Washington	47	127 184 53	364 .851
17 Selbach	Washington	18	52 52 23	127 .818

#### OUTFIELDERS.

1 Dungan	Louisville and Chicago	18	30	3 1	34 .970
	Brooklyn	106	298	13 12	323 .963
	Philadelphia	131	363	16 15	394 .961
I hompson	Philadelphia		163	11 7	181 .961
	Louisville and Pittsburgh		59	8 3	70 .957
5 McAleer	Cleveland		173	10 9	192 .953
6 Kelley		129	274	19 15	308 .951
7 Brodie	Baltimore	129	311	11 19	341 .944
8 Shock	Brooklyn	34	89	11 6	106 .943
9 Burns	Brooklyn	126	212	16 14	242 .942
10 Hogan	St. Louis	29	43	5 3	51 .941
11 Slake	Cleveland	73	122	17 9	148 .939
Onnoi	Cleveland	31	85	8 6	99 .939
	Philadelphia		224	21 16	261 .938
	Pittsburgh		271	18 20	309 .935
14 Tiernan	New York	112	170	11 13	194 .933
15 Donovan	Pittsburgh	[133]	2671	24 21	312 .932

#### OUTFIELDERS—Continued.

Rank.	NAME.	Club.	Games.	Put Outs.	Assists.	Errors.	Total   Chances.	Per cent.
16	Dowd	St. Louis	115	201	16	16	233	
17	KeelcrRadford	Baltimore	127	220	27	19	266 41	.928
	(Ewing	Cleveland	52	91	7	8		.924
10	Selbach	Washington	76	153	7	13	173	.924
20	Duffy	Boston	123	313	23		364	.923
21	Burke	New York	138	269	16		308	.922
22	Stenzel	Pittsburgh	131 94	317 191	22 10	18		.918
23	Holliday	Cincinnati	121	247		25		.916
	(Brown	Louisville	130	327	23			.914
24	McCarthy	Cincinnati	25	46	7	5	58	.914
25	Burkett	Cleveland	124	242		24		.912
23	J Van Haltren	New York	139	309	28		370	
~0	Shugait	St. Louis	119	276	23 26		326	.911
27	Abbey	Washington	129 68	341		11	123	.910
90	Turner	Philadelphia	77	143		15	165	.909
2)	McCarthy	Boston	124	286	30		348	.908
30	( Smith	Louisville	39	64	2	7	73	.904
80	7 Ryan	Chicago	108	222	23		271	.904
31	Lange	Chicago	110	278		33	341	.903
8.3	Twitchell	Louisville	51	104 322	14 27	13	131 390	.900
83	Hoy	Cincinnati	128 122	274	20	41	330	.891
31	Treadway	Louisville	76	166		23	203	.886
83	Frank	St. Louis	77	159	11	23	193	.880
87	G. Tebeau	Wash'n and Cleveland	87	182		26	216	.879
38	( Murphy	New York	20	32	3	5	40	.875
	Virtue	Cleveland	20	38	4	6	48	.875
30	Bannon	Boston	127	243 262	42 17	41 46	326 325	.874
20.0	Wilmot O'Rourke	Chicago Louisville, Wash'n, St. L.	135	34	2	6	42	.857
41	Decker	Chicago	30	55	9	11	75	.853
43	Service Commence of the Commen	St. Louis	38	73	1	14	88	.840
44	Nicol	Louisville	26	33	3	7	43	.837
45	Anderson	Brooklyn	15	21	0	6	27	.777

#### CATCHERS' AVERAGES.

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Rank.	Name.	Club,	Games Played.	Put Outs.	Assists.	Errors.	Passed Balls.	Total Chances.	Percentage
		Cleveland							.931
2	Clements	Philadelphia		182					
3	Buckley	Philadelphia, St. Louis		249	72	18	12	351	.914
0	Robinson	Baltimore	106						.914
4		Pittsburgh	63	274	59	22	15	370	.900

#### CATCHERS' RECORD-Continued.

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Rank.	Name.	CLUB.	Games Played.	Put Outs.	Assists.		Total Chances.	Percentage Accepted.
5	Merritt	Boston, Pittsburgh. Cin	61	177	72	16 1	3 278	.895
- 6	Schriver	Chicago	86	294	93	34 1	3 434	.891
		Louisville	75	262	104	29 1	6 411	.890
	( Miller	St. Louis	39	138	36	12 1	0 196	.887
8	Murphy	Cincinnati	74	197	69	29	5 300	
	(Farrell	New York	103	470	138	41 8	6 685	.887
9	Kittredge	Chicago	. 50	209	40	20 1	3 282	.883
	J Vaughn	Cincinnati	41	155	43		8 225	
10	Dailey	Brooklyn	58	217	62		7 317	.880
11	Ganzel	Boston	55	188	57		0 279	
12	Sugden	Pittsburgh	. 30	104			7 151	.874
13	Earle	Brooklyn and Louisville	31	89	42		3 150	
14	Twineham	St. Louis	31	147	35	9 1	8 209	
15	O'Connor	Cleveland	42	160	37	12 2	0 229	.860
16	McGuire	Washington	102	288	116		8 471	.857
	( Clarke	Baltimore	22	86	21		8 12	
17	Ryan	Boston	49	166			8 251	.856
18	Peitz	St. Louis	38	153	52		1 229	
19	Tenny	Boston	18	55	18		3 87	.839
	Wilson	New York	32	119	22		9 170	
21	Weaver	Louisville and Pittsburgh.	30	88	27		5 141	.815
22	Kinslow	Brooklyn	61	114	47		3 203	793
23	Grady	Philadelphia	38	101			0 172	
24		Washington	30	75				.720
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#### PITCHERS' RECORD, IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER-1894.

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NAME.	Club.	Games played.	P. C. games won, exclu've tiegames.	Runs scored. Av. per game.	Runs earned.	Per cent, of base hits off pitcher.	Bases given on balls.	ruck	Per cent, fielding chances acc'pt'd.
Colcolough	St. Louis	49 15	.533	9.13		.354	59	19	
Cuppy	Cleveland Philadelphia	37			$3.24 \\ 3.84$		119 95	63	.916
Clarkson	St. Louis	26 19	.308	8.11	$\frac{4.19}{3.70}$	.318		42	.794
Chamberlain Dwyer	Cincinnati	39			4.13		78 97	57 47	.729
Daub		26 26		7.89	3.70	.306	71 59	33	.694
Esper	Pittsburgh	41	.436	7.05	4.17	.306	111	91	.808
Gumbert	Pittsburgh Chicago	31 32			4.87		73 79	60	.909
German	New York				3.53		48		.842

#### PITCHERS' RECORD—Continued.

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Name.	CLUB.	Games played.	P. C. games won, exclu've tie games.	Runs scored. Av. per game.	Runs earned. Av. per game.	Per cent, of base hits off pitcher.	Bases given on balls.	struc	Per cent. fielding chances acc'pt'd.
Hemming. Hawke. Hutchinson. Hawley. Inks. Killen. Knell. Kennedy. Menafee. Mercer. Meekin.	St. Louis & Baltm're. L'sville & Baltim're. Baltimore. Chicago. St. Louis. Balt'more & L'sville. Pittsburgh. Louisville. Brooklyn Lou'sville & Pitts'gh. Washington. New York.	29 40 23 30 47 24 24 30 42 87 38 47 24	.586 .500 .652 .467 .413 .478 .583 .200 .545 .351 .421 .790 .458	6.00 6.02 7.17 7.47 7.96 6.25 8.46 7.55 6.59 7.18 4.91 8.08	2.85 4.08 3.33 3.72 4.04 3.87 3.60 4.21 3.67 4.09 2.38 4.08	.312 .295 .311 .314 .303 .337 .303 .329 .302 .309 .308 .258 .307	59 140 58 125 121 75 83 97 134 85 105 147 60	39 75 50 60 117 37 57 65 101 78 57 127 31	.841 .893 .887 .716 .708 .846 .909 .693 .771 .904 .852 .798 .785
Mullane.	Balt, & Cleveland Baltimore Chicago Boston Cincinnati New York. Lou'ville & Chicago Washington Boston Brooklyn Boston Wash. & Cleveland	17 34 24 46 37 49 21 16 39 42 25 23	.735 .291 .711 .459 .734 .476 .375 .692 .619 .520	8.17 5.51 8.12 6.78 7.24 4.73 9.43 7.60 7.49 6.26 8.88 8.26	3.00 3.83 3.56 3.94 2.12 5.24 3.60 3.43 3.05 5.72	.297 .269 .321 .291 .307 .253 .366 .353 .306 .280 .344 .320	80 109 98 108 120 189 52 89 100 162 55 97	44 55 55 61 204 29 73 72 29 28	.740 .869 .846 .824 .867 .931 .825 .813 .785 .744 .714
Terry	Chicago Philadelphia Philadelphia Louisville New York Cleveland	19 33 33 21 18 47	.278 .719 .545 .190 .412	9.73 5.30 6.72 9.38 7.39 5.83	4.00 2.76 3.49 4.66 3.83	.334 .281 .324 .360 .297	91 85 101 97 62	43 79 79 58 28 100	.782 .796 .845 .703 .654

Tie games—Cuppy, 1; Dwyer, 1; Daub, 1; Ehret, 1; Gumbert, 1; Hawley, 1; Inks, 1; Meekin, 4; Nichels, 1; Stein, 1; Terry, 1; Taylor, 1; Westervelt, 1.

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	-	Apr. 18, 20, 22 Aug. 2, 5, 17	July 30, 31 Aug. 1 Sept. 27, 28, 30	Apr. 24, 25, 26 Sept. 11, 12, 14	Apr., 29, 3 Sept. 16, 17, 1	May 20 6,7,8 20 July 10,11,13 18	May 20, 21, 22 July 18, 19, 20	May 9, 10, 11 July 6, 7, 8	May May May May 23, 25, 26 16, 18, 19 12, 13, 14 July 14, 15, 16 21, 22, 23 25, 27, 28	May 16, 18, 19 July 21, 22, 23	May 12, 13, 14 July 25, 27, 28
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	In Baltimore.	June 12, 13, 14 Aug. 28, 29, 30	June. 1, 3, 4 Sept. 7, 9, 10		May 38, 30, 30 Sept. 4, 5, 6	June 5, 6, 7 Aug. 20, 21, 22	June 15, 17, 13 Aug. 31 Sept. 2, 2
	In Philadel'a	June 15 17, 18 Aug. 31 Sept. 2, 3	June 8, 10, 11 Aug. 24, 26, 27	May 28, 30, 30 Aug. 20, 21, 22	June 12, 13, 14 Sept. 7, 7, 9	June 1, 3, 4 Aug. 28, 29, 30	June 5, 0, 7 Sept, 4, 5, 6
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	In Brooklyn.	June 1,4,10 Aug. 20,25 Sept. 5	May 30,30 June 13 Aug. 31 Sept. 4, 6	June 5, 7, 17 Aug. 29 Sept. 7, 10	June 6, 15, 18 Aug. 26, 28, 30	May 28 June 8, 11 Sept. 2, 2, 9	June 3, 12, 14 Aug. 21, 24, 27
	In Boston.	June 5, 6, 7 Aug. 24, 26, 27	June 15, 17, 18 Aug. 28, 29, 30	June 1, 3, 4 Aug. 31 Sept. 2, 2	June 8, 10, 11 Aug. 20, 21, 22	June 12, 13, 14 Sept. 4, 5, 6	May 28, 30, 30 Sept. 7, 9, 10
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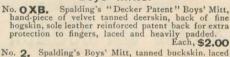
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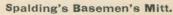
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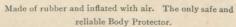


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